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The Convention was organized in Augusta, Ga., May 8, 1845, with 325 messengers from eight states (Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Kentucky and the District of Columbia), for the purpose of formulating a plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination for the propagation of the gospel at home and abroad. At that time there were 350,000 members of Southern Baptist churches, including 100,000 slaves. During these ninety-two years the Convention has extended its territory to eighteen states. It has grown in number of churches to 24,671, with a membership of 4,482,313. These churches have a property value of \$203,469,481.00 and their total contributions to their local work in 1936 amounted to \$24,201,802.00 and to missions and benevolences, \$4,986,885.00.

The Place of Meeting.

New Orleans, the host city this year, is an unusually attractive meeting place. It is called "America's most interesting city." The large city auditorium, with a seating capacity of 10,000, providing adequate facilities for the Convention's activities, was rapidly filling at the opening hour which indicated the attractions of the city will bring together an unusual attendance this year. The Baptist cause was long very weak in this city but the locating of two of the denomination's institutions, the Baptist Bible Institute and the Southern Baptist Hospital, here gave a great impetus to the growth of Baptists in this long Catholic dominated city. A membership of a few more than 8,000 in a city of more than half a million souls does not look like many; but the Baptists are a respected people. As an evidence of the favor in which they are held it was announced that the auditorium which usually rents for \$200 per day is furnished the Convention free of any cost.

The Opening Session.

Promptly at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning the gavel of the Convention, wielded by Dr. J. R. Sampey, the President, fell, calling to order the ninety-third session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The adopted theme of the Convention was "The work of the Holy Spirit" from the text: "If we live by the spirit, by the spirit let us walk." Gal. 5:25.

"Oh worship the King" was sung under the leadership of R. Inman Johnson, director of church music in the Louisville Seminary, and he will direct all the Convention's music.

Dr. W. W. Chancellor of Texas led in prayer.

Report on Registration.

The secretaries reported up to the opening hour 2,631 messengers had been enrolled, which is 744 more than in St. Louis last year.

Addresses of Welcome and Response.

In the absence of the mayor of the city, who had been scheduled to speak but kept away by press of duties, Hon. Jesse S. Kay, another city official, spoke a brief message of welcome to

the Convention on behalf of the city. Hon. W. R. Leche, the Governor of the State, welcomed the Baptists not only to New Orleans but to the State of Louisiana. T. H. Hedgepeth spoke on behalf of the religious forces of the city. These messages were happily responded to by Mr. J. H. Anderson of Knoxville.

The President's Address.

Dr. Sampey's address at this hour on the text "Old Men Dream Dreams and Young Men See Visions" was a depicting of conditions in some of the mission fields he had recently visited which seem to be a realization of dreams had by those in former years who projected this work. And it was a dream of his that out of the present existing conditions in these lands there may come a more firmly implanting of the fundamental doctrines as held by Baptists.

The Convention Sermon.

"How Far Are We Willing For Our Religion To Carry Us" was the subject of Solon B. Cousins of Virginia, the preacher of the annual sermon. It was an impassioned pointing out of the extent to which the principles of Christianity impelled Jesus and the pointed searching question are we willing to go their limit? It was listened to with intense interest.

Further report is not made as the sermon will be printed in full.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Preceding the opening of this session the assembling crowd listened to several musical numbers by a negro chorus from Bakers College in this state.

"Come Thou Fount" was sung and L. D. Morgan of Texas led in prayer.

A girls trio from the Emmanuel Church in Ft. Smith, Ark., brought a message in song.

Baptist Papers.

The first order of this afternoon's program was the report on the Denominational Press by Dr. John R. Davidson of Tennessee.

In the report it was pointed out that the problem of Southern Baptists is one of wasted life. The denominational paper is one of the solutions that may be offered to this problem, and the failure of Southern Baptists to support these papers adequately is certainly one of the explanations of the existence of the problem. It was further stated in the report that something needs to be done to put our Southern Baptist state papers and Southwide periodicals in every one of the 1,000,000 Southern Baptist homes that our people may be informed and the tragic waste of life going on before our very eyes stopped. Only 150,000 of the one million homes of Southern Baptists are receiving any sort of a denominational weekly paper or about one out of every six. This means nothing to tell about Southern Baptist work at home or abroad; nothing to show them the needs and opportunities of services to the broken, suffering world; nothing to give them a vision of our Lord's kingdom and the certainty of coming triumph, the report showed. As a means to the end of increased circulation of the papers it was suggested that the pastors need to become paper conscious.

W.M.U. Work.

A review of the work of the women of the South was made in the report of Dr. W. H. Baylor of Virginia. The annual Convention of the women was held in this city beginning on Monday night of this week and closing Wednesday night. The theme of the Convention was, "Ye shall receive power . . . and ye shall be my witnesses." Literally this organization has girded the globe and has had great power in all. Last year the total gifts of the W.M.U. amounted to more than \$2,000,000, about \$425,000 of this came through the Lottie Moon and Annie W. Armstrong offerings. The creditable financial offerings of the women are by no means all of their work. Great emphasis is put upon prayer, Bible and mission study, personal service, literature, tithes and offerings. Dependence upon the Holy Spirit, and personal consecration have been foremost in all their varied activities.

Mrs. Armstrong, President of the Southwide work, in speaking to the report announced the purpose of the women to celebrate their golden anniversary in their annual gathering in Richmond next year.

Dr. E. C. Maddy spoke briefly of the aid the women have rendered to the Foreign Mission Board as did Dr. J. B. Lawrence to the Home Mission Board.

Baptist Brotherhood.

This organization is of the Baptist men of the South, looking to more effectively enlisting them in the denomination's work. Their work of the past year was reported on by Dr. J. T. Henderson the general secretary. The report stated that there is a growing sentiment of endorsement among the pastors and a number of them are giving this cause hearty support. Brotherhoods in local churches are multiplying more rapidly than ever before. The executive committees continues to stress the importance of associational Brotherhoods. The association is the logical unit of organization for promoting any forward movement among the churches. These organizations have untold possibilities. Dr. Vining Speaks.

The session closed with an inspirational address by Dr. A. J. Vining of Toronto, Canada. By request he spoke on the activities of Baptists in Canada which was listened to with great interest.

Thursday Night Session

The devotional service at the opening of this session was featured by two quartets, one from the Oklahoma Baptist University and one from the Southern Seminary, a solo, "Lead Kingly Light" by Fred Scofield, Jr., and a number of old hymns by the large audience. Dr. B. A. Copas led in prayer.

Foreign Missions.

This session was given to a consideration of Foreign Missions. The report was made by Dr. C. E. Maddy, the executive secretary. The report points out that:

For ninety-two years the Foreign Mission Board has been busy sowing beside all waters. As a partial result we now have 2,089 churches in the sixteen foreign fields in which the board is working, 1,115 of these being self-sustaining; 3,293 outstations; total membership in all the churches, 239,985; total baptisms during the past year, 16,196. The board now has 415 missionaries in active service. Five died during the

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Sparks and Splinters

Five to four decisions! How many presidents of the United States have received a five to four popular vote?

Evangelist Hyman Appleman preached two weeks in a meeting in West End Church, Houston. There were 175 additions, 140 by baptism.

The Tennessee Lower House of the Legislature killed the bill to license liquor in counties or cities favoring it. It knocked the bad breath out of the liquor people.

Pastor H. H. Hargrove, who went from Mississippi to Texas, has been one year at Vernon. In this time 358 have been added to the church, 185 of them by baptism. Tithers have increased from 135 to 417, and the offerings have increased more than threefold. The pastor is held in affectionate esteem.

The editor missed the glorious fellowship of the saints and the inspiration of the Convention at New Orleans last week on account of the illness of his wife, who has now recovered. Our loss was great, but we share the joy of those who attended by getting some report of what was done.

The German ministry of the Interior is said to have recognized the Neopaganism headed by Ludendorf as a religion on a par with the Roman Catholic and the Protestant faiths. If this meant religious liberty, there could be no good ground for objecting to it. But there is no religious liberty in Germany. All churches are subject to government control.

More and more it becomes evident that the cry for licensing the sale of liquor to secure revenue is a smoke screen and is not the real motive. The Tax Commissioner in Mississippi told this writer that when the legislature which licensed the sale of beer asked an opinion of him as to the amount of revenue which might be expected from its sale, he told him that it would not amount to a hill of beans, and he added it has not amounted to anything. That cry is just an effort to fool the folks.

The passage of a bill by Congress by which neutrality of this government is made discretionary with the president, or dependent on his will as to its enforcement, is a practical abdication by Congress of its legislative function in favor of the President. If that is not the road to fascism in America we are misinformed as to the nature of fascism. Our laws provide for the veto power by the executive before a bill becomes law, and in case of a veto the measure must be repassed by Congress with a two-thirds majority. But here is a case where after a thing becomes law it may be declared null and void by the President with no recourse from Congress.

An editorial by Dr. Morrison in the Christian Century of last week is very revealing. It is plain that he is headed toward Romanism, whether he has found it out or not. This universal church into which all must forgather leads to nothing but Roman ecclesiasticism. And he calls it a sacramentarian church, which means that authority is vested in church officials.

PASTORAL CHANGES: W. J. Bolin resigns at First Church, Ruston, La.; R. E. Dillon from Frankfort, Ky., to Clayton St. Church, Montgomery, Ala.; H. L. Hambrick from Brandon to Clearmont, Fla.; L. H. Roseman from Huntingdon, W. Va., to Tabernacle Church, Little Rock, Ark.; C. W. Jennings from St. Joseph, Mo., to Louisville, Ky., East Church; C. E. Lamb goes from Baton Rouge to River Junction, Fla.; J. G. Bayle goes from Greenfield to Boyle, Okla.; P. D. O'Brien goes from Colorado, Texas, to Stamford; J. C. Robinson accepts a call to DeRidder, La.; L. L. Harrison goes from Baton Rouge to Ponchatoula, La.; W. C. McClung resigns First Church, Wichita, Kan.; J. C. Whaten goes to Temple Church, Durham, N. C.; S. P. Fogdall goes from Ottawa University to the pastorate at Clarks Grove, Minn.

Amite Church, Louisiana, honored Pastor Sam R. Gordon with many useful gifts recently on their fifteenth anniversary.

We enjoyed a brief visit from Dr. B. C. Land, pastor of the church at Winnfield, La., at Baptist headquarters last week.

Rev. O. P. Estes of Bogalusa recently helped Pastor Horatio Mitchell in a good meeting at Central Church in New Orleans.

The city of Shreveport, La., is in the midst of a campaign to raise \$150,000 for Centenary College, a Methodist institution in the city.

Roger Babson is quoted as saying: "Use your influence to have your children attend a small college of high standing. Avoid big colleges, especially those popular colleges which have thrown religion out of the window."

Dr. John A. Huff has been pastor of First Church, Chattanooga for three months. In this time 82 have been added to the church, 36 of them by baptism. Offerings \$13,336.90, about twice the amount for the same time last year. Average Sunday school attendance 1,077.

The Southeast Mississippi Pastors' Conference meets at Laurel First Church, May 23. The program includes Devotional by A. L. O'Bryant; Reports by all pastors; Evangelistic Sermon Outline by T. L. Coulter; Sermon by S. E. Sumrall; Business, Outline of Doctrinal Sermon on I Jno. 3:4-9 by L. E. Green; Outline of Expository Sermon on Ro. 8:1, 38-39, by A. B. Pierce.

"Lee Lines" is a new volume written by Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis and published by the Broadman Press of Nashville. It is the sort of book that you would enjoy reading when you are tired or on a train journey, or when you have just a minute to read. It is made up of short pieces, many of them only brief paragraphs which are the result of keen observation. It is not a book of illustrations, but could well serve that purpose. There are 113 pages and each incident occupies less than a page. It sells for \$1.00.

The Gordon Street Baptist Church of Atlanta, Dr. Thomas F. Harvey, pastor, has just closed two weeks meeting in which 93 new members were added to the church. Of this number, 55 were received by baptism and 37 by letter and 1 by statement. Dr. Harvey did the preaching, and Mr. Otis J. Thompson, educational director and choir master of the First Baptist Church of West Monroe, La., led the music. Dr. Harvey is the new pastor of this church, having come from a six year pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, Miss. This church now has a membership of more than eighteen hundred, and does not owe one dollar of debt.

Mr. Emerson or some other sage said that if a man made a mouse trap better than any other mouse trap, the world would make a path to his door to get a supply of it. There's not a word of truth in it. It might have been true in Emerson's day, but the world has turned over several times since then. It is not the best article that has the biggest sales. The biggest sales go to the article that is constantly kept before the public. The best articles will rot on the shelf, sour in the cellar, or be moth eaten in the grave clothes if you don't send somebody out to sell them. Our Baptist institutions will stagnate and disintegrate unless their merits are made known to the people. This is no age for hermits.

The missionary spirit is not centripetal but centrifugal. That is it tends to spread the truth and not to congest the people. All of the talk about uniting the churches into one great body so as to impress the world with the magnitude of the Christian enterprise is going in the wrong direction. The mission enterprise never originated in a church, but in the heart of some individual. The Spirit said to the church at Antioch, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." The call came to Paul and Barnabas and then came to the church. The religion of Jesus is individualistic from start to finish. And whenever you go to tying people up with big ecclesiasticism, you simply tie their hands.

Dr. F. M. Purser will preach the commencement sermon for the University High School at Oxford. Dr. J. W. Middleton preaches the sermon for Clinton High School.

Pastor C. F. Anglin says the new church in Choctaw County has changed its name from County Line to Covenant. Recently three deacons were ordained, George Sudduth, Walter Sudduth and Ernest Anglin. The sermon was by Rev. N. H. Roberts and Rev. J. W. White delivered the charge to the deacons and the church; prayer by Deacon H. B. Oliver of French Camp. Talks were also made by Deacons M. U. Rhodes and H. B. Oliver of French Camp, by W. A. Ward of Kilmichael and by the new deacons, also by Mr. L. H. Pullen.

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MISSISSIPPI GETS A HEADLINE IN LEADING SHANGHAI DAILY

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Mississippi does not often get a headline in one of the daily papers published in Shanghai, China; nor does any other state. Only the very important, significant, unusual, or sensational gets attention in world news which may appear in an English daily published in one of the large metropolitan seaports. But today, April 14, 1937, Mississippi gets a headline in the North China Daily News, one of the largest English dailies in Shanghai, one with a wide circulation in China. Whoever scans the headlines of the morning news will see "NEGROES LYNCHED IN MISSISSIPPI," and if he is interested in reading a most ghastly, barbarous, brutal story he may read the story which follows in several paragraphs—a vivid description of a mob of white people torturing and burning to death two negroes guilty of a serious crime, a description of Mississippians standing fascinated by the expressions of horror on the faces of two men being burned alive. This happened yesterday in Duck Hill, Mississippi, and today people halfway around the world read about it with horror.

The North China Daily News is one of the English dailies placed in the news room of the library of the University of Shanghai. All during the day students of this university, founded for the purpose of Christian education, stand at the tables and read the news of the world. I wonder when they read this article today if they did not feel that people should certainly go to Mississippi with the Christian message and a program of education? Readers will recognize that this does not happen in Mississippi every day and that all Mississippians are not savages; but it should be impossible for such a thing ever to happen in Mississippi with all the opportunities Mississippians have had for Christian education.

This afternoon I went to Shanghai to a tea where there were people from many states in the Union and from other countries. I met a woman who was born in Mississippi, but who spent many years in another state, therefore she claims either state. I greeted her with, "Hello, fellow Mississippian," and she replied, "Not today!" I looked a question and she answered, "The morning paper," and ducked her head.

Sometimes Chinese students in America read articles describing backward and unChristian conditions in China and they are inclined to feel ashamed of China. China is great; and we wish them not to feel humiliated, but to return to China with a determination to Christianize and educate the people up to the point that such conditions may no longer exist.

Mississippi is great; I love her; she is my State. My first feeling was one of humiliation and indignation; but I realize that many Mississippians are doing their best to make lynching impossible even once in a thousand years. This is to express my appreciation of what is being done and my belief in the necessity of a program of Christian education on race relationships which will forever do away with attitudes which make lynching a possibility.

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Kingdom News From Many Lands

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THE HOUSE WAS BUILT TOO LATE

More than two years ago the W.M.U. of North Carolina started a fund for the home of Misses Nelle Putney and Floy Hawkins of Hohyuen, interior South China. These devoted missionaries have been waiting patiently and uncomplainingly for years for a decent home. Their living quarters, in a native Chinese house, were very inadequate and uncomfortable and wholly unworthy. In the last Lottie Moon Christmas offering the W.M.U. of the South gave \$4,600 for missionary homes in China. Out of this we planned to supplement the building fund for Misses Putney and Hawkins, and build another home needed so sorely, elsewhere.

The money was sent out early in February and instructions were given to build a house at Hohyuen immediately.

Also, the W.M.U. of Virginia gave us \$1,500 for a chapel on Miss Putney's field. Before the money reached South China, there came a cable saying that Miss Putney had died while on an evangelistic trip in the interior.

The home and chapel will be built but we are conscience stricken because we could not build it before Miss Putney was called home. God forgive Southern Baptists for their shameful neglect of these devoted missionaries!—Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary.

SECRETARY TO ADDRESS THE SWEDES

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will address the young people's rally service held in connection with the Swedish Baptist New York Conference at the annual session in Wilmington, Delaware, Sunday afternoon, May 30, at three o'clock. This conference comprises churches in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

The Swedish Baptist young peoples' union in cooperation with the Swedish Baptist New York Conference is contributing to the support of Rev. and Mrs. Erdhardt Swenson who are Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina. Both Mr. and Mrs. Swenson are from the Swedish Baptist church in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Maddry plans to bring to the conference a message gleaned from his journey through South America.

PLANS FOR MEXICAN WORK

The Mexican Theological Seminary has been carried on this year in San Antonio. There were thirty-two students enrolled. Twelve of these were from Old Mexico, two graduated in May.

The Mexican Seminary will be moved to El Paso, Texas, next September. It is thought best to have our Mexican Seminary and our Spanish Publishing House together in El Paso. Missionary J. H. Benson is president of the Seminary and Missionary J. E. Davis is editorial secretary and business manager of the Publishing House.—Charles E. Maddry.

SOUTH AMERICAN MOVIES READY

The excellent moving pictures of Southern Baptist missions in South America and featuring Dr. Charles E. Maddry's recent visit to these fields have been reduced from the original thirty-five millimeter to the standard sixteen millimeter and are available to Southern Baptists. The only requisite is that those who borrow them shall pay the express both ways and take extra good care of them.

CHINA AIDS AMERICA

That the phrase "family of nations" is more

than a slogan is seen in the recent decision of certain Chinese interested therein to extend aid to Americans suffering from floods. Four organizations—United Charitable Association of Shanghai, Child Welfare Association of China, Chinese Red Cross Association and The Chinese Foreign Relief Committee—Under the leadership and backing of such prominent men as Dr. H. H. Kung, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Mayor Wu Tehchen of Shanghai, are taking the lead in this new move. It is not the size of the initial gift—\$100,000—that is significant, but the fact that the Chinese sympathize with those suffering from sorrows all too familiar to themselves. Those initiating this generous move explain it is as a gesture of appreciative reciprocity. But it is more than reciprocative imitation. It shows that human plights resulting from natural catastrophies are a matter of general concern in which the Chinese share. Once China felt herself self-sufficient. But now the Chinese, while rightly claiming full responsibility of their own destiny, are cooperating with the "family of nations" whenever and wherever they can. When China felt herself self-sufficient, she did not tackle her flood, drought, and other natural calamities with modern methods. Now she does. And now with the passing of self-sufficiency and the appearance of the application of modern methods to meet the needs of her own victims of natural catastrophies has come the realization that is some measure the similar needs of the world are also a part of China's responsibility.—The Chinese Recorder.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY

Acknowledging the gift from China for the sufferers of the Ohio River flood disaster, President Roosevelt cabled: "I deeply appreciate your message of sympathy in regard to the effect of the floods which have occurred in certain parts of this country, and on behalf of the American people as well as for myself, I send to you and to the Chinese people sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathetic good-will."

DOUBLE-DUTY IS TOO MUCH

We had a pleasant voyage across the Pacific, having fine fellowship with missionaries and others traveling to the Orient. We spent a most delightful day with brother and Mrs. J. V. Dawes and other Baptist friends in Honolulu, enroute. These friends prepared a most refreshing luncheon in our honor, and we were also driven over the Island to see the sights. Ivan Junior and Elizabeth were thrilled with a dip in the surf at Waikiki. We trans-shipped at Kobe, Japan, spending one night there, and arrived here at Tsingtao on November 6, thus ending our second furlough. We were given a royal welcome by missionaries and Chinese when we steamed into harbor. Although it was bitterly cold and raining, our hearts were warmed with the kindness of all the friends here.

We are greatly impressed with the great need of this great city, and the Baptist cause here. With both Dr. John Lowe and brother J. V. Dawes being forced to leave because of ill health, this church was left without a pastor for the flock. There was also that great work over on our Laiyang field that needed attention, and we felt very much like the young lady with two suitors. We finally compromised with the arrangement that we live here in Tsingtao and work both fields, running over to Laiyang from time to time. This is not an altogether satisfactory arrangement but the best that we could devise for the time being, hoping that you dear

folks at home will soon send us more reinforcements.—I. V. Larson, Tsingtao, China.

PRAYER MEETING EVERY MORNING

Here in Tsingtao they have prayer meeting every morning and preaching every night in the year. Even at the Chinese New Year, when most of the Chinese were busy preparing to pass over the year, the faithful ones continued to come. Then after the third of the Chinese New Year, they made special efforts to attract the heathen to the night services. I recently baptized eight people into the fellowship of the church, thus bringing the membership up to 468. Two weeks ago we had a week of meetings in our preaching hall in the western part of the city. This meeting was well attended every night, and one of my former Laiyang boys was converted during this week. In that part of the city we now have more than sixty Baptists, and in the course of time we hope to have our second Baptist church over there, D. V.—I. V. Larson, Tsingtao, China.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, 1937

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| Co-operative Program | \$ 47,215.47 |
| Designated Gifts | 23,454.54 |
| Debt Account | 5,060.20 |
| Lottie Moon Christmas Offering | 1,229.68 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 3,036.69 |
| Total Income | \$ 79,996.58 |

FELLOWSHIP AND A FOURTH TERM

This year began my fourth term of service. Personally, and in my work, I have felt greatly the loss of Miss Ola Lea, whose valuable contribution to the religious life of Wei Ling Girl's School, will always be remembered. She continued to help us at intervals for a while, but then gave her entire time to the work in the Woman's Training School in Shanghai. In our Soochow station it has been my privilege to have new fellow-workers, Mr. and Mrs. Milner Brittain, whom I have greatly enjoyed, and in my own home to resume companionship begun in 1934 with Miss Helen Yates. She has not only completed her second year and a half of her third year of language study, but has also done a great deal of teaching and much valuable work with the girls in their religious activities. Her presence in the home with me has been one of my greatest blessings in 1936. In the fall Dr. and Mrs. Chas. G. McDaniel have been greatly missed, but Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan have been with us after their furlough, and brought all of us fresh inspiration and help.—Sophie S. Lanneau, Soochow, China.

HUNGARIAN MEN PERFORM

On February 13, Father Udvarnoki, Dr. Udvarnoki, Elizabeth and I went out to one of the country churches where we had been invited to what they called "Ferfiest"—"Men's Evening." In the different churches the girls and women are always putting on programs, and so forth. So these men decided they wanted to do something. I really marveled at their splendid program. It was a great success. They gave three little plays, the orchestra gave several musical numbers, the men's choir sang and poems were recited. I think this would have been an inspira-

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

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year and three others resigned. The board employs 944 ordained native workers and 1,437 unordained.

For the calendar year 1936, the board received from the several states of the Convention \$959,794. In addition to this, from income on endowment funds, bequests and miscellaneous sources, \$46,003; from the sale of property and special gifts for debts, \$34,766; grand total, \$1,040,574. Since January 1, 1933, the debt has been reduced from \$1,110,000 to \$367,500 and the interest rate from 6 to 4 per cent. \$101,500 was paid the last calendar year on the debt.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by the W.M.U. has reached \$291,761. Of this amount \$100,000 has been set aside for the salaries of 100 missionaries, and the remaining \$191,761 has been given for the support of W.M.U. work in foreign lands, Bible Training schools, seminaries, hospitals, debts on institutions and churches and the building of missionary homes.

During the decade of 1925-1934, few, if any, missionaries were appointed. Since January 1933 the board has appointed 90 new missionaries and reappointed 28, making a total of 118 replacements. There are 56 emeritus missionaries on pension. On the present active roll of missionaries there are 63 who are 60 years old and over.

The board now requires that a candidate for the foreign field must be a graduate of a standard college and the seminary, sound of body and mind, with right spiritual attitudes, and between the ages of 24 and 32 before they can be considered. He must go to Richmond for final medical tests under the guidance of Dr. James Asa Shield, a noted psychiatrist.

Over a year ago the Board was forced to withdraw all missionaries from Mexico. At the April meeting it was voted to establish a small theological seminary in El Paso, Texas, for the purpose of training a native ministry for our work in Old Mexico.

In addition to the consideration of the different items of the report, emphasized by Dr. Madry in speaking to it, a number of missionaries to the different fields at home on furlough, were presented to the Convention, some of whom spoke of the work being done in their respective fields. It was a high period in the proceedings and missionary zeal was intensified in a great degree.

Friday Morning Session

The groups in the book room, corridors and other places about the auditorium for social intercourse were broken up by the strains of Amazing Grace sung by the few who had taken their seats, led by "Bob" Coleman of Texas. When "Oh, How I Love Jesus" and "I Am Bound For the Promised Land" were gotten to in the musical program the resounding was more like a real Southern Baptist Convention. Brother Coleman seems to delight in leading the singing of these old hymns and always gets a hearty following by the assembly. Dr. Hight C. Moore led in prayer.

This session was opened by Hon. W. C. Wood, son of Missouri, and in taking charge, urged that a more fraternal spirit prevail among the messengers. He called attention to the scant attendance at the opening hour due to the Seminary breakfasts being held and in no uncertain terms condemned the placing of these at an hour when the work of the Convention is interfered with, that if they must be held let the meeting be after the adjournment of the Convention. His remarks were heartily applauded.

Luther Rice Memorial.

A committee was appointed by the Convention last year to study carefully the matter of erecting a memorial to Luther Rice and to invite the Baptists of the Northern Convention to join in this since Luther Rice was an American Baptist and that they be requested to appoint a similar committee to work with the com-

mittee from Southern Baptists to work in maturing plans for the proposed memorial.

The chairman of the committee appointed is Dr. Chas. A. Jones, Columbia, S. C., who made a partial report at this time, asking to be continued and that another year be allowed before any commitments are made.

The Executive Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Convention by Secretary Austin Crouch is the most important and interesting of all those coming before the Convention, since it is review of all the work from a financial viewpoint for the past year and an outline for the work during the next year. The report this morning was encouraging as a considerable increase in receipts is noted in the following statement:

The committee received during the past calendar year for all purposes, \$1,416,484.95, an increase over the receipts of 1935 of \$110,390. Of this amount \$675,293.45 was for the Cooperative Program; \$549,894.62 was designated; \$191,296.88 was from the Hundred Thousand Club. Not included in the above figures is the amount received for the first four months in 1937, \$725,508.89, an increase over the first four months in 1936 of \$119,020.28.

The following report was made on the appeal made by Dr. Sampey for the flood sufferers earlier this year:

At the request of President Sampey, an appeal was sent to all the pastors in the Convention in behalf of the churches in the flood stricken areas of the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys. The estimated aggregated needs as tabulated were, \$90,134.25. So far, the committee has received for this purpose \$31,883.15, which has been distributed as follows: Tennessee, \$713; Arkansas, \$1,350; Missouri, \$700; Kentucky, \$22,857.54; Illinois, \$6,262.61.

All are interested in the receipts and the distribution of the receipts from the One Hundred Thousand Club and from the report the following is culled:

The promotion of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club has been one of the major items claiming his attention. Since June, 1933, when the movement was launched, \$662,490.32 has been raised up to April 30, 1937, and applied on the principal of the debts of our institutions as follows: Foreign Mission Board, \$182,811.79; Home Board, \$151,257.20; National Baptist Memorial, \$4,244.58; New Orleans Hospital, \$13,626.05; Education Board, \$33,162.15; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, \$113,928.99; Southwestern Seminary, \$96,035.98; Baptist Bible Institute, \$66,173.84; American Baptist Theological Seminary (Negro), \$1,249.74.

Baptist 100,000 Club Percentages for 1937.

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| Foreign Mission Board | 18 % |
| Home Mission Board | 29.5 % |
| Education Board | 5 % |
| Southern Baptist Theol. Seminary | 16 % |
| Southwestern Baptist Theol. Seminary | 18 % |
| Baptist Bible Institute | 10 % |
| New Orleans Baptist Hospital | 1.3 % |
| National Baptist Memorial Church | 2 % |
| American Baptist Theol. Seminary | .2 % |

Of the receipts to this effort to pay Southwestern debts since its initiation \$45,635.79 have come from Mississippi, ranking sixth among the Southern States. Receipts of the committee to Southwestern causes will be allocated on the following percentage basis:

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| Foreign Mission Board | 50.0 % |
| Home Mission Board | 23 1/3 % |
| Relief and Annuity Board | 7.0 % |
| Education Board | 1.0 % |
| Southern Baptist Theol. Seminary | 5.4 % |
| Southwestern Theol. Seminary | 5.4 % |
| Baptist Bible Institute | 4 1/3 % |
| W.M.U. Training School | 8/15 % |
| American Baptist Theol. Seminary | .5 % |
| New Orleans Hospital | 2.5 % |

The closing period was one of turning aside from the business to worship. The theme of the Convention being "The Work of the Holy Spirit." At this time an inspiring message was brought by Dr. E. D. Head of Houston, Texas, on "What

the Holy Spirit Does for the Christian." Several things were stressed as being the work of the spirit in the Christian: (1) He originates; (2) He becomes the remedy for all ills in the Christian's experience; (3) The Unfolder of the life; (4) Gives clear discernment; (5) Leadership; (6) Teaches how to pray; (7) He interprets Jesus to the Christian. It was a fit conclusion of an important session of the Convention.

Friday Afternoon Session

Following the song service, featured by another number by the trio of young women from the Immanuel Church, Ft. Smith, Ark., prayer was offered by Jno. L. Wharton of Texas.

Boards.

For the committee to nominate the Boards to serve next year Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, Georgia, read the list. One change was made in the members from Mississippi: viz, brother J. D. Franks was named to succeed brother W. E. Holcomb on the Foreign Mission Board.

The Education Commission.

This commission, the duties of which are to gather and make public information relative to the educational institutions under Baptist control in the South, in their report this afternoon by Dr. Chas. D. Johnson gave some interesting and informing data as to what Baptists are doing in the field of Christian Education.

The senior colleges and universities show increased enrollment. Baylor University in Waco leads with 2,470; the University of Richmond is second with 1,437; Howard College is third with 1,402. Wake Forest lacks only two students having 1,000. Furman University has 936. The total enrollment last year for senior colleges in regular session was 16,491; this year, 17,181, a gain of 690 in the 29 senior colleges. Junior colleges which showed a loss last year, this year show a gain, the last year table being 4,439, this year 5,643 for the 21 schools. The academies last year, 15 in number, had 1,776 students, this year 1,785. The total enrollment in all schools last year was 22,706; this year, 24,609, or a gain of 1,903, exclusive of summer school. The summer school enrollment climbed from 4,561 to 5,143.

Endowments have grown from \$19,855,241.34 to \$26,147,369.19, a gain of \$6,292,127.85. The increase is one of the best signs of the strength of those colleges which have attracted additional Christian endowments. The property gain is from \$34,133,147.62 to \$39,294,812.55, a gain of \$5,161,764.93. The total of property and endowment in our Baptist colleges and schools stands today at \$66,442,181.74, a gain over last year of \$12,453,792.78.

Dr. A. C. Reed of North Carolina, speaking to the report, brought a thought provoking message as to the things entering into real Christian education. It was truly a great address.

Social Service Commission.

This commission is composed of twenty-one members under appointment of the Convention to take under consideration all of those things entering into the social life of our people, to give information relative to and to make recommendations concerning them in an annual report, looking to the best interest of all from a social standpoint. This report was made at this time by Dr. A. J. Barton of North Carolina, chairman of the commission. The report covered Temperance and Prohibition; Lynching; Child Marriage; International Relations; and The Sale of Liquor. Surely these are live issues among us and need thoughtful consideration. A rightful solution of the problems which grow out of these issues will make living conditions among us far better. The report was amended so as to include smoking among preachers, Christian workers of every kind and the women. This amendment precipitated a lively discussion but passed with but few dissenting votes.

Time Place and Preacher.

In the adoption of the report of the committee on Time, Place and Preacher, Richmond, Va., was selected as the next meeting place; Dr. E. P. J. Garrott of Arkansas the preacher of the Convention sermon, with Dr. E. H. Westmoreland

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of Mississippi as Alternate. Dr. J. R. Sampey was re-elected President; Drs. J. T. Warren and L. J. Bristow were elected first and second vice-presidents respectively. The present secretaries were re-elected.

Memorial Tribute.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett in a closing address paid a beautiful tribute to the life and labors of Dr. L. G. Hardman of Georgia, a former vice-president of the Convention, who has passed away since the last meeting.

Friday Night Session

"Ho! Everyone That Thirsteth" was rendered by a chorus from the First Baptist Church of this city as a feature of the song service of this session that delighted all. Following prayer and the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the work of the Convention was resumed.

Report of the Home Mission Board.

This session was given to the consideration of the Home Mission work being done by Southern Baptists. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, corresponding secretary, had charge of the program. A lengthy report covering every phase of the work was presented. As to the scope of the the work the Home Mission Board is lifting up Christ in the homeland among the Indians, the foreigners, Negroes, the underprivileged in the cities and congested industrial sections, and in Cuba and Panama. In all its departments of work, including the field force, the Sanatorium, the rescue missions, the good-will centers and schools, the Board has 327 missionaries working in 850 mission stations. During the past Convention year we have placed in the field 35 missionaries and have opened 36 new mission stations. This enlargement of our work was made possible by the receipts from the Bottoms Trust and unsolicited designations.

From the standpoint of finances the Board has adjusted its budget so as to operate on a cash basis. For the past three and one-half years no money has been borrowed for current work. The budget fixed for the year was \$150,000 for mission work and overhead, and \$203,826 for interest and principal on the debt. For the calendar year 1936 the Board received from all sources, \$443,455, which was \$46,291 more than was received in 1935. Of this amount the women gave \$113,981 in the Annie W. Armstrong offering, all specially designated, and \$56,720 came from the Bottoms Trust. During the past year \$108,313 was paid on the debt.

The income from the Bottoms Trust in 1936 was spent in the homeland—\$10,000 for the Mexican work, \$10,000 to the Spanish work in New Mexico, \$10,000 to the French work in Southern Louisiana, \$10,000 to work among the Indians and \$10,000 to evangelism.

The report makes the following significant and enlightening statement as to the purpose of the Board:

"The purpose of the Home Mission Board is to evangelize the homeland and to marshal the forces in the homeland for world-conquest for Christ. Home Missions is not, therefore, simply a matter of emotional concern or evangelistic zeal. It is an essential part of our world campaign for Christ.

"For this task of world evangelization it would seem that God has preserved and trained and equipped Southern Baptists. They believe the Bible. They are evangelistic. They hold the ordinances in their New Testament purity. They are a great people with a great faith and ready to be led to undertake a great task."

Missionaries in the employ of the Board were presented to the Convention some of whom brought brief messages of information relative to conditions and work in their respective fields. It is always inspiring to contact personally the workers at the front. It is encouraging to know of the progress of the work. The program tonight gave a "bird's eye view" of the work of Home Missions.

The session closed with a great message on Evangelism by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, the newly elected head of this department of the Board's work. It was said by Secretary Lawrence to be

the greatest message on this subject since that of Dr. B. H. Carroll on the same topic twenty-five years ago. It was a cry for a worldwide revival, pointed out to be the remedy for world's ills.

Saturday Morning Session

Dr. W. D. Nowlin of Florida led in prayer after a number of familiar songs were sung.

A Fraternal Message.

Dr. Francis C. Stiffler of New York City, a fraternal messenger from the Northern Baptist Convention and the educational secretary of the American Bible Society, in a brief message brought greetings from Northern Baptists and much information concerning the work of the American Bible Society. The Northern Convention is only thirty years old and has a constituency of 1,500,000 as compared with Southern Baptists of 92 years and a constituency of more than four million. A plea was made for loyal support of the Bible Society that it may be enabled to supply the increasing demand for Bibles, which they are not now able to do.

Preservation of Baptist History.

For the committee on Preservation of Baptist History Dr. R. W. Weaver brought a report reciting the efforts that are being made in the important matter of preserving to Baptists the history they have made through all their eventful years.

American Baptist Historical Society.

Dr. R. E. E. Harkness of Chester, Pa., representing the American Baptist Historical Society, reported to the Convention on the work being done by this agency in publishing and distributing the history Baptists are making in their activities. These activities are many and varied, making the scope of the society wide indeed.

Sunday School Board Hour.

The consideration of the work of the Sunday School Board was the order of this hour. This consideration was under the direction of Dr. W. F. Powell, the president of the Board.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, the executive secretary, presented the report, printed and already distributed, so was not read but attention was called to some important items. The report states from a financial point of view and from the viewpoint of increase that our total business receipts for the calendar year from all sources were \$1,745,348.85, an increase of \$16,417.01 over the previous year. Our contributions to denominational work were \$430,669.32, as compared with \$429,671.02 the preceding year. For the first three months of the current year our receipts show an increase of \$18,771.80 over the same period of last year. Total assets of the Board, \$2,002,430.

It is a joy to report an increase of 321 Sunday schools for 1936 over 1935 with a net gain in enrollment of 15,989. During the same period there has been an increase of 431 Training Unions with a net gain in enrollment of 31,182. The greatest increase to be noted is found in the number of Vacation Bible Schools over the previous year, with an increase in enrollment of 72,703.

As to the future plans and work the following is culled:

The Sunday School Board is an evangelistic organization. The desire is in all its publications, to so present the truth of the Bible that those who study these periodicals will understand the Word and accept Christ as a personal Saviour and unite with his church. The high percentages of all persons who join the church from the Sunday school is evidence of this fact.

The Sunday School Board is a missionary organization. The members of the promotional departments and all of the other departments of the Board are missionary in purpose and spirit. It is the desire to present through the literature all of the facts about our mission work and the teaching of the Bible on the importance of missions.

Definite goals have been set out for at least five years leading up to the fiftieth anniversary

of the Board. The District Association is used to promote both the Sunday school and the Baptist Training Union. The Sunday school has as its supreme mission the teaching of the truth of the Bible, winning lost souls to Christ and church membership. The purpose of the Training Union is to take the new church members and seek to lead them into Christian intelligence, development of Christian character, efficiency in service, and loyalty to their church, and the promotion of the cause of Christ.

The purpose of the Five-Year Promotional Plan is to seek to carry to the last one of our 24,671 churches the very best that experience of many years has taught Sunday school workers, and to seek to encourage and assist in the organization of additional Baptist Sunday schools where they are needed.

A mass meeting of the B. T. U. workers of the Sunday School Board in scheduled for Sunday night, the closing session of the Convention. **The Closing Period.**

This session closed with the second devotional message on the Holy Spirit brought by Dr. W. T. Binns of Roanoke, Va. This one on "What the Holy Spirit Does Through the Christian." Several things were emphasized: (1) The development of the life; (2) Manifests His power in a redeemed church; (3) He speaks through the church; (4) He gives power.

Saturday Afternoon Session

The prayer in the devotional period of this session was offered by J. M. Nabrit (colored) of Nashville, Tenn.

Seminaries.

This session was given to reports from the Seminaries under the Convention's control.

(1) The American Baptist Theological Seminary, located in Nashville for the training of colored leaders, made report through Dr. E. P. Alldredge, the Convention's executive secretary of its part in this institution. It is also partly supported by the Northern Baptists. At the head of the Seminary now is J. M. Nabrit, under whose leadership a balance of \$15,000.00 indebtedness has been wiped out and there is now money in the treasury. From this seminary, this year will be graduated six men—one Master of Theology; four Bachelor of Theology, and one Ministerial Certificate (English course).

(2) The Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. In the report made by President L. R. Scarborough it is stated that there has been enrolled during the past year, 706, including 561 in residence and 145 in correspondence. This is an increase of 127 over last year. Fifty-eight were graduated during the past session. This has been a year of unusual blessings in many ways. During the year President Scarborough and his wife made an extensive tour through South America with Secretary and Mrs. Charles E. Maddry of the Foreign Board. More than 1,500 unbelievers were led to Christ and open confession of him as Saviour and Lord. The reaction in the life of the Seminary from this visit has been marvelously uplifting.

Early last fall a plan was inaugurated to increase the income for this year. As a result, from the first of January, for the first time since the beginning of the depression, the salaries of the teachers have been paid in full. The debt obligations to the banks and to the bonded indebtedness has been met. This has put new spirit and encouragement into the life of the Seminary and has greatly strengthened its credit and financial condition.

Total receipts the past year, \$181,653.08; disbursements, \$168,606.35; indebtedness, \$436,634; assets, \$2,358,630.53; endowment, \$528,412.82.

(3) The Baptist Bible Institute in the city that is now entertaining the Convention so well. The work of this, the youngest school of preachers and Christian workers since its beginning and during the past year was reviewed by President Hamilton. From the written report which was presented, the following items relative to the past year's work are culled:

The total number of students the past session was 286, of whom 205 were in residence.

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EDITORIALS

HEAR AND LIVE

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The soul's awakening comes largely through the ears. Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the lips of the Lord. Life does not consist in what a man has even when he has abundance. The measure of life and the quality of life depend on what goes into your ears. Isaiah said, "Hear and your soul shall live." He also said, "Hearken diligently unto me, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." It is possible to have a fat body and a lean soul. And it is possible to have a well groomed soul, a spirit alive to everything that is of highest and permanent value. Faith cometh by hearing.

There are five things which are involved in this matter of hearing, or result from it. The first of these is Expectation. When a dog pricks up his ears his mind is awake. He is looking for something to happen. The state of mind in most animals is revealed by their ears. And when man begins to listen, he begins to learn. He assumes the attitude of a learner, a disciple. He is in condition to be taught. The first thing Jesus said to the impotent man at the pool in Jerusalem was, "Dost thou wish to be made whole." He must awaken in him desire and expectation, particularly expectation. And this attitude of mind is necessary in all of us before preaching will do us any good.

The next thing that hearing gives to us is Apprehension. It awakens intelligence; it sets the mind to work. We listen that we may understand and know the truth. If a man is not listening his mind is not at work, at least on the thing that is being spoken. He listens that he may apprehend, understand what is said to him. Progress in mental and spiritual truth and life is in proportion to our knowledge of it, our taking it in. Grace and truth come by Jesus Christ. Grace cannot come apart from truth. And both of them come through the Word. See the first chapter of John's Gospel. Preaching and teaching produce life and enlarge life. That is God's method of getting men out of darkness, out of bondage, out of death into life. They must hear, listen, understand what is said to them.

The third thing involved in learning is Appropriation. Appropriation may be conscious or unconscious. That is you may purposely receive the truth when it is presented to your hearing, or it may be absorbed by constant contact with it. People learn much, good or bad by attendance on the picture shows. But there is no conscious effort to learn or receive the truth. But when you go to church it is or ought to be different. The truth is deliberately presented with the purpose to secure its acceptance. Faith cometh by hearing. But not all hearing produces faith. There must be a willingness to know the truth, and when it is presented and understood there should be a readiness to accept it. This should be a conscious exercise of the will. When the truth is presented, a response is expected. The preacher waits for an answer. And there should be in our hearts and on our lips the response "I will." This is true whether it is the plan of salvation presented to a lost man, or some truth or opportunity for service and growth presented to a saved man. It is the "belief of the truth" which secures the sanctification of the spirit, 2 Thess. 2:13.

The fourth thing that is involved in this hearing is the Confirmation of the Truth in us. By this we mean that what was presented to us as true in the gospel, in the Book, in the preaching of it, and accepted as true by us, now becomes true in us. That which was abstractly and theoretically true becomes confirmed in us by experience of the truth. John in his First Epistle speaks of that which was true in Him and in you. We can pass on to others only that which is true in ourselves. Experience is the only thing in religion that is contagious. You can catch the

measles only from somebody who has the measles. Religion is from the Book and by the Book, but it must be demonstrated in the believer, and will be and is demonstrated in a genuine believer. John says that whoever has received the witness of Jesus hath set to his seal that God is true. Paul says of his converts that "the testimony of Jesus was confirmed in you." And again "How manysoever be the promises of God in Him (Christ) is the yea; wherefore also through Him is the Amen to the glory of God through us." That is our experience confirms the truth of the promises. Again where our common version says, "Speaking the truth, the meaning seems to be 'being the truth,' that is being the living embodiment of the truth, for there is no word for speaking in the verse.

The fifth and last thing to be said here in connection with the hearing of the truth is that the result is a personal Transformation by means of it. It is a living word and when received by faith it works a transformation in the life. We all believe that "prayer changes things." So also does the word of God change us. There are certain elements which taken into the body produce specific activity of certain organs, from calomel on up and out. But that is no more certain than the appropriation of the truth from the word of God will produce certain spiritual activities and give a new complexion to the soul. The washing of regeneration is through the word. Jesus prayed for the disciples that they might be sanctified through the truth, and added "Thy word is truth." "As new-born babes, long for the spiritual milk, (literally the word milk) that ye may grow thereby unto salvation." Jesus said, "Except ye shall eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man ye have no life in yourselves." And in explanation of it he said "I'm going back where I came from. I'm not expecting you actually to eat my flesh. The flesh profiteth nothing. But the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life."

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Paul in Ephesians 2:2 speaks of the "prince of the powers of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience." He is talking here about a mighty, subtle power which influences men without their knowing it and influences them over wide areas at the same time when the connection between the working in one place is not apparent with its working in the other places though quite real. Some things physical and metaphysical seem to affect wide areas of people all at once while the cause is hidden and the connection obscure. Those influences are sometimes called, for lack of a better name atmospheric.

Back in the days when yellow fever ravaged a large section of the country and people did not know whence it cometh and whither it goeth, a group of men were discussing whether it was epidemic, endemic, contagious or atmospheric. One of the group knocked the ashes out of his pipe, rose and brushed the dust from the seat of his trousers, and said, "Well, I don't know whether it is atmospheric, contagious, endemic or epidemic; but one thing sure, it is catching." There are lots of things "catching," mental diseases, physical diseases, corrupt politics and good religion.

It is about as convenient to call them "atmospheric" as any other way. We are thinking now of the way the devil gets in his work, this prince of the powers of the air. And here's another good text you have probably never preached on, this characterization of the devil and his work. The black plague spread over a large part of Europe and Asia a few hundred years ago. And "influenza," well you may have heard of it by the hearing of the ears, or may have had a more intimate acquaintance.

But what about the political systems that go under the names of fascism and communism. When the devil uncapped the bottomless pit and the smoke came out laden with locusts, it may make you think of fascism and communism. And

don't imagine that your country and your religious organization is free from or immune to this sort of thing. The black plague and the flu recognized no geographical or political boundaries. The ocean was not much of a barrier. The devil knew how to use the air long before there were any radios. The man who thinks that democracy is its own defense and is sure to survive has not read history to any advantage. Liberty is comparatively easy in the early stages of national or religious growth, but the later years have in every case brought subjection to kings and ecclesiastical potentates.

There can be no question in anybody's mind who stops to think and is capable of thinking that influences that turned Baptist churches into the Roman Catholic centuries ago is busy in Baptist churches today. The country churches and smaller churches in towns may preserve some semblance of democracy, but the open meeting for discussion and decision of plans and policies in most Baptist churches is a thing of the past. And the "town meeting" which was once common in this country is no more. The concentration of power into the hands of the fewest possible people is the almost irresistible trend in civil government. Never mind about Russia and Germany and Italy. Look after your own church and your own nation.

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RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE

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One of the subjects uppermost in the minds of the whole world today is war. War and peace discussions also fill a large part of the religious journals. These should engage our serious consideration. Every righteous effort should be made to prevent war, and the spirit of peace should be cultivated certainly by Christian nations. Sympathetic consideration should be given all measures that make for peace and tend to remove the prospects of war. Christian people will give their support to peace and will condemn war as unChristian.

We wish here to make our little contribution to peace. And we believe peace can be preserved, and war prevented in only one way. And we do believe that the conditions of peace are plain and possible of attainment. The one condition of peace is righteousness, the will to do right and the practice of it among nations and individuals.

Righteousness comes before peace both in time and in importance. As much as we believe in peace, we believe in righteousness more. It is more important to do right than it is to live in peace. Righteousness is the one great aim of the law and the gospel. Jesus said that He came not to bring peace but a sword. That was a striking way of saying that righteousness is more important than peace. He told the disciples they were not to expect a peaceful life. Conditions in the world made that impossible. And the preaching of the gospel which led men to change their way of living would not be welcomed by a wicked world. In the world ye shall have tribulation. A man's foes shall be they of his own household. When the White Horse and his rider go forth conquering and to conquer, they were followed by the Red Horse and his Rider. The world has got to be set right before there is peace. Jehu said to Joram, 2 Kings 9:22, "What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?" A sore has to be cleansed before it will heal. A thing is never settled until it is settled right. The world cannot settle down to allow the international robbers and freebooters to have their way. Peace at the price of right is not permanent and is not worth having.

If there are nations which are determined to impose their will on other nations regardless of right then the world can not be at peace until these have learned their lesson. How far nations are responsible for the conduct of other nations is not always easy to say. What combination of nations is proper and necessary to preserve the peace is a problem for statesmen. When neutrality is a virtue and when it becomes a crime may be difficult to point out. But cer-

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tainly there are limits to neutrality when high handed wrongs and injustices are perpetrated. If we insist upon justice between individuals, or between racial or economic groups within a nation, if restraints are needed and sanctions or penalties are proper in such cases, why should it be a crime to insist upon international righteousness and justice? If our spirits revolt at the bullying and cruelty of an individual why should we keep silent when these are perpetrated on an international scale.

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UNBELIEF IS MORAL PERVERSITY

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"Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice," is the word of Jesus to Pilate and to all the rest of us. If you break a stick into two pieces or tear a sheet of paper apart, the separate pieces will fit back together perfectly. But if you try to fit either of these pieces to a piece broken or torn from somewhere else, they simply do not fit. It is generally easy to tell which pieces fit together. They fit into their own and will not fit any where else. And it doesn't take a Sherlock Holmes to demonstrate the fact. If you tear a sheet of paper into a hundred pieces, they can by careful effort be placed back together piece by piece, and all of them will fit.

Now that is what will happen, does happen, when truth is presented to a mind that is what Jesus calls "of the truth." The mind that is absolutely whole or healthy, that is normal according to the original pattern, the mind that has not lost its original quality of being in the image of God, that mind will recognize the truth when it is presented, will welcome it, respond to it, correspond with it and rejoice in it. The magnetic needle if let alone will point straight to the north pole.

Then why is it that everybody does not accept the testimony of Jesus the instant He is presented to them? Why is not everybody a Christian? Why does he not become a Christian the very first moment that Jesus is preached? Why are not all people Christians? And to carry the questioning further, why are not all Christians of the same mind? Why are there differences among them? Why are their beliefs divergent and often antagonistic? Why do we not all see eye to eye and walk in the same path? These are serious questions and deserve serious study. We ought to know the reason why.

We know that thousands of people who hear the gospel have not received it. We know that there are differences among those who profess to follow the Lord and are walking in diverse paths. And so it was when Jesus was here. Did he give us any explanation of it? Do the New Testament writers account for this? We think they do. Jesus scored a center shot when he said, "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." Of course the trouble is not with Jesus. He spoke plainly. He clearly revealed the will of God, so far as that was possible to imperfect men. The reason must be sought in the hearts of men.

The failure to recognize Jesus as the way, the truth and the life is the severest indictment of the moral sanity of men. If the acoustics of a hall are good the speaker can be heard. But there are many halls so faultily constructed that it is impossible to hear accurately, and the result is confusion. The magnetic needle points to the north pole, but it is necessary to have it perfectly insulated against interference. What is harmony to a deaf man? There must be an ear before there can be hearing. So we are repeatedly told "He that hath an ear, let him hear." If you have one, thank God and make good use of it. There are those who can't hear.

Light travels in straight lines. You can't see the sun through a crooked tube. And you can't hear it thunder through a vacuum. Jesus is the light of the world, but only those who follow him shall not walk in darkness. Spiritual blindness in whole or in part is due to inherent moral crookedness. Jesus said "If thine eye be

single thy whole body shall be full of light." But, "If the light in thee be darkness, how great is the darkness." Jesus said to the Jews at Jerusalem, "Why do ye not understand my speech? Because ye cannot hear my word," Jno. 8:4, 3. He said again, "The sheep follow him, because they know his voice," John 10:4. Again we are told, John 3:32, 33, "What he hath seen and heard, of that he beareth witness, and no man receiveth his witness. He that hath received his witness hath set his seal to this that God is true."

All of this moral blindness is the worst indictment possible of the human race. Unbelief is nothing less than moral and spiritual perversity. It is the consequence and proof of a moral twist in men that makes the knowledge of God an impossibility. It is furthermore the judgment of God on the sin of men. There is no passage in the Old Testament more often quoted in the New than that in the sixth chapter of Isaiah, "Make the heart of this people fat, and make their eyes heavy, and shut their eyes, lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and convert and be healed."

What shall we do then? If men are helpless what hope is there. All things are possible with God. Our part is to pray God to forgive their sins and ours, to give repentance and remission of sin, to open the blind eyes, to remove the curse and quicken the dead. All of us still need to join in the prayer of Paul, Ephesians 1:17, 18, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ the Father of glory may give unto us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; having the eyes of our heart enlightened." God can and does change things. And prayer changes things. The preaching or teaching of the truth must go hand in hand with prayer for the spirit of light. There is no use prophesying to dry bones unless you also prophesy to the wind, that is pray for the Holy Spirit.

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THREE BOOKS YOU OUGHT TO READ

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This writer has the longing desire in his heart that our people shall read more of the right kind of books and periodicals. This is necessary to clarify our faith, inform our minds, deepen our convictions and enrich our lives. The world is full of books, many worthless, some hurtful, but, thank God, many that build up Christian character and enable us to properly interpret Christ and His truth to men. Don't waste time in reading things of no permanent value; alas many do. And don't fail to avail yourself of the rich heritage of books written by men who know the Lord and love His truth. Make up your mind that you will read books about the Bible, and about men who are God's witnesses in the world.

Now these remarks are provoked by a study of three books, which have come to us from the American Tract Society. Some time ago some sensible person gave the Society \$1,000 to be given the person who wrote the best book on one or more essential doctrines of the Christian faith. A number of books were offered. The prize was given to Dr. H. A. Ironsides for the book entitled "Except Ye Repent." Others which we discuss later were also highly prized and have been published. These books were not just hatched for the occasion. They were not just written to get a prize. They were already in the minds and hearts of the authors, and were not "made to order." They go to the heart of some of the great Bible teachings and so present the truth as to make them clear and give them potency.

The one by Dr. Ironsides, pastor of the Moody church in Chicago is a thorough treatment of "Repentance," as it is set forth in the Bible. These chapters are alive and have the punch and pungency of great sermons. Evidently repentance has a large place in his preaching ministry. Any sinner who reads it will be apt to be led to repentance, and any Christian who reads it will want to call on men to repent. Any preacher who reads it need not preach

the same sermon, but he ought to be able to preach his own sermon better. For the sake of the good it will do it ought to have a wide reading.

Another of the books is "The Triune God" by Dr. C. Norman Bartlett, teacher in the National Bible Institute of New York. The author is highly commended by Dr. Curtis Lee Laws of the Watchman-Examiner and by Dr. N. R. Wood, president of Gordon College of Theology and Missions in Boston. In our judgment this book is destined to be a classic on the subject of the trinity. The author presents the Bible teaching as to the trinity, and makes the best proof of the reasonableness and necessity of three persons in one Godhead that we have ever seen. We know nothing comparable to it in the ground covered and the satisfying method of presenting it. Every preacher ought to read it, and every thoughtful Bible student will be greatly helped by it. Here are clearly and convincingly spoken things which some of us had believed, but didn't know exactly how to express.

The third book is "The Heart of The Christian Faith," by Dr. Francis Shunk Downs. In it are set forth concisely and clearly the fundamentals of the Christian faith, under these chapter heads, The Inspired Book, The Person of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Atoning Cross, The Glorious Resurrection, The Holy Spirit and Man's Regeneration, The Christian Life and the Christian Church, and Things To Come. It is good to see the things that are most surely believed among us set forth without apology and with great assurance.

These books can be had for \$1.50 each.

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Report from Yocona is that Pastor R. L. Ray preached a good sermon on "Mother" on the second Sunday in May.

The University of North Carolina reaffirms its policy of refusing to admit girls and young women to the freshman and sophomore classes.

Dr. and Mrs. Dodd make a tour of the South American mission fields, sailing probably from New Orleans and being absent from four to six months.

Dr. M. E. Dodd preaches the Dodd College commencement sermon May 30, and Dr. Matsuta Hara of Japan makes the commencement address.

Rev. S. A. Williams has resigned at Osyka and is succeeded by brother Hunt, who was a student at the Baptist Bible Institute. The church is building a pastor's home.

An invitation to Coker College commencement, Anderson, S. C., indicates the sermon is by Dr. D. W. Richardson of Richmond, and addresses by the Dean of Women in Duke University and the Dean of Smith College. Exercises begin May 22 and close May 25.

People who think it a beautiful sentiment that water brought from the River Jordan should be used in a christening, should not think it strange that the sentiment of loyalty compels Baptists to insist on observing the ordinance in its original form, and that any change from this makes the baptism meaningless.

Evangelist T. C. Crume reports a good meeting with Thirty-fifth Avenue Church, Birmingham, G. C. Walker pastor. Floyd Montgomery led the singing. There were 86 additions. At last report he was in a meeting in Jackson Hill Church, Atlanta, with 40 professions of faith and the meeting still in progress. Next meeting is at Harriman, Tenn.

A Baptist college in Kentucky elects a man as president who had been baptized by a Disciple church and not by a Baptist church. The Baptists of that state in their General Association protest against it and withhold funds from the college on that account. And now a brother in another state complains about the Baptists of Kentucky raising a divisive issue. Now isn't it funny? Who made the issue? It reminds us of a story about a negro boy who called out "Mammy, mammy, make Eph behave hisself. Evy time I hits him on the haid he hollers."

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

(Continued from page 5)

These represent some nineteen states, Mexico and the Canal Zone. There are nine members of the faculty.

During the year the faculty and students have served 53 churches that had 645 additions by baptism and 585 by letter; nine new churches were organized; gifts to local work, \$59,985; Cooperative Program, \$10,951.

No money has been borrowed during the year for operating expenses. Total receipts for the year, \$71,208. Since the Hundred Thousand Club began, \$79,000 of the \$200,000 first mortgage bonds have been paid, leaving a balance due of \$121,000. The second mortgage is \$73,900. Nine years ago the total indebtedness was \$353,000. Now it is \$194,900 plus accumulated interest on the second mortgage and unpaid interest on bonds.

(4) The Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Dr. Sampey, president of this the oldest of the four seminaries, conceded all the time allotted to the seminaries to the other three, urging a careful reading of the written report.

Closing Address.

The last of the three messages on the Holy Spirit was brought at this time by Dr. W. T. Conner of the Southwestern Seminary on "The Holy Spirit and the Ministry." The Holy Spirit does four things in the Experience of the minister, emphasized Dr. Conner: (1) He calls into the ministry; (2) He guides in the preparation for the ministry; (3) He guides as to the type and place of preaching; (4) He gives efficiency in the ministry.

Saturday Night Session

Featuring the opening song service of this session were two of the old hymns sung by the quartette of the Woman's College of Mississippi. The rendering elicited much favorable comment. Prayer was led by Dr. Dunbar Ogden, pastor of one of the Presbyterian churches of this city.

Report on Public Relations.

"Chaplains of the Army and Navy." At the last meeting of the Convention the name of this agency was changed to a committee on "Public Relations," since there are matters involved other than chaplains, such as the National Youth Administration, the National Security Board, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Reserve Corps, and the C. C. C. Camps. The report tonight by Dr. C. C. Weaver of Washington, chairman of the committee, showed that these government agencies, in the work of which the Baptists of the South are interested by reason of many Baptist youths being connected with them, have been well looked after and the interest of Baptists conserved.

Southern Baptist Hospital.

In the city of the Convention is located the only hospital under the Convention's control, established some 25 years ago. A splendid report of the work done during the past year was made tonight by Dr. L. J. Bristow, the superintendent since its founding. A part of the consideration of the report was the unveiling of a plaque bearing a likeness of Supt. Bristow, by Miss Geneva Scott of Lyman, S. C., and president of the graduating nurses' class this year. The presentation of the plaque was by Dr. F. S. Groner on behalf of the Hospital Commission. From the Hospital there are being graduated this year 27 young women as nurses, eleven of whom are from Mississippi. The graduating exercises were a pleasing feature of the night's program. When so much is being said about debts on our institutions the following statement relative to the finances of the Hospital is heartening:

"The Hospital has never closed a year with an operating deficit, and it paid its bond maturities, both principal and interest, regularly through the years, even the years of deepest depression. The original debt has been reduced to \$282,000, which constitutes the total indebtedness of the Hospital. All current bills are paid monthly."

The Relief and Annuity Board.

The care of aged ministers and their widows is under the direction of this board, located in Dallas, Texas. Dr. T. J. Watts, the executive secretary, made a report as the closing order of this session. The board provides relief for a number of the preachers in an annuity policy, which was formerly carried by the preacher paying one-fourth of the monthly premium and the board paying three-fourths. This form of policy is not being issued any more but the policies taken out while it was being written are still in force. Under the form now being written the churches pay the percentage for the pastor and the board pays the balance. Under this form the Mission Boards and other agencies are carrying it for those in their employ, including the missionaries.

In addition to this protection the board is providing direct relief to approximately 1,200 from its receipts from the Cooperative Program, fellowship offerings and gifts from the W.M.U., amounting to \$70,000.00. Thus it will be seen that the stipend to these 1,200 is very meager—less than \$60.00 each per year.

Sunday Morning

The proceedings of the Convention were suspended at the Saturday night's session for worship in the churches in the city. Visiting ministers were in all the evangelical pulpits and the Sunday school workers of the Sunday School Board were in service in the Sunday schools of the city. It was the writer's delightful privilege to be in the men's Bible class of the First Baptist Church taught by Dr. H. C. Moore and in the auditorium, crowded to overflowing to hear Dr. R. G. Lee bring a great gospel message on "The Cross of Christ."

Sunday Afternoon

Further services in the churches for the day were dispensed with and in the afternoon there was in the meeting place of the Convention a large assembly to hear two addresses, one by Dr. M. T. Andrews of Texas, which was a report of a trip made to the mission fields of Japan and China in company with Dr. J. R. Sampey as representatives of the Convention, and the other by Dr. L. R. Scarborough who spoke of a trip he and his wife had made in company with Dr. and Mrs. Maddry to the mission fields of South America. Dr. Andrews pictured Japan to be one of our most difficult fields. Progress has been slow there, so much so that some of our leaders have advocated our withdrawal from the country; but there were as good reasons for withdrawing from China at the same stage of our work there, he said. In the nature of the case, the very conditions which make progress slow in Japan must be interpreted to mean that even above China's need, Japan needs Christ and a withdrawal now by Southern Baptists because the work seems discouraging would be cowardice, said Dr. Andrews further. It was said that the lasting impression made by China is the vast multitudes. Crowds everywhere—in the country as well as in the cities—traditionally 400,000,000. It is safe to say that if the human race could pass by in file at a given point practically one person in four would be a Chinaman. As a result of missionary effort in this great empire a Christian imprint has been made that can never be erased. After a hundred years in China we have approximately 100,000 church members organized into churches fairly well distributed over the nation, which compares favorably with the first hundred years of American Baptist history.

Dr. Scarborough in his inimitable, impassioned way depicted conditions in South America from a missionary point of view. This condition is one of great need of the gospel with comparatively little with which to supply this need. He related many experiences of preaching which resulted in the salvation of hundreds, indicating South America to be one of the ripest of the foreign fields.

Sunday Night

This was Young People's night in the Convention. It was a great mass meeting in the inter-

est of B. T. U. work fostered by the Sunday School Board. The program was under the direction of Mr. J. E. Lambdin of the board.

The song service of the meeting was a most enjoyable feature under the direction of Mr. J. H. Hall, director of the choir of the First Baptist Church of this city. A choir of the singers from the various churches of the city rendered several numbers to the delight of the great audience, next to the largest during the meeting of the Convention. The quartette of the Mississippi Woman's College were given a prominent place on this musical program and sang sweetly three of the familiar hymns, one as an encore.

Three short address were made:

(1) "Importance of B. T. U. Training," by Bob Morton, a student in L. S. U., Baton Rouge, La.

(2) "Importance of Graded Training Union to a Rural Church," by Rev. A. B. Cash, Adairsville, Ga.

(3) "A Graded Training Union Vitrally Essential in a City Church," by Dr. Douglas Hudgins, Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas. Dr. Truett Preaches.

From the text "We Preach Christ The Power of God," Dr. Truett brought a message in which was emphasized that in the preaching of Christ there will be a manifestation of God's power in a threefold sense:

- (1) In His Own Person.
- (2) In His Own Gospel.
- (3) In Human Experiences.

It was a fitting climax to a truly great Convention. Great for several reasons:

(1) Because of the spirit of brotherliness that pervaded all the discussions; (2) For the apparent desire for the Spirit to lead; (3) Because of the many encouraging reports made of every phase of the work that turned the messengers back to the work in hope; and (4) in the large attendance—4,515 registered messengers—the largest in 12 years or since the meeting in Memphis, Tenn., in 1925 when the registration was 5,600.

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During the illness of Pastor M. J. Derrick, Dr. Theo. Whitfield of Pocahontas is supplying the pulpit.

The Weekly Bulletin of the Brookhaven church gave large space to the election on Tuesday of this week, when the people of Lincoln County will vote against the sale of beer.

Among the speakers at the Rural Church Conference at Mississippi State College June 14-17 will be President Humphreys, Dr. G. S. Dobbins, R. B. Eleazer, Prof. Chester Swor, and many others from within and without the state.

The Baptist Record of Iowa expresses disapproval of a "Masonic baptism" administered at San Jose, Cal., recently, but notes that this sort of "baptism" is administered to mature people only. Just give 'em time, brother; evolution will work wonders.

We appreciate an invitation to the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the presidency of Robert Lee Moore at Mars Hill College, N. C., on May 27. We know of no college president more deserving of honor, nor one who has less concern about being honored. Thank God for President Moore and Mars Hill.

A much appreciated letter from Dr. W. R. Hunt of Tupelo refers to a recent editorial in the Record on "When Did The Kingdom Come?" Dr. Hunt thinks the postponing of the hour when the filling of the earth with the knowledge of God until the second coming of Christ tends to discourage present effort to bring in the kingdom and to discredit the power of the Gospel. There is a danger here which we must guard against. Too many of the blessings of the gospel which were intended for us today are thrust aside to wait for heaven. We must realize now on the promises of God and press the battle to the gates for the coming of the kingdom. But there are some blessings for which we will have to wait until the coming of the Lord. At present we know in part, and we will have to be content to wait for His coming when we shall have a new heaven and a new earth.

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By R. L. BRELAND

PLATES FOR TWO

For more than a half century they
had walked together in love as hus-
band and wife. They had shared
each others joys and sorrows, laugh-
ing and weeping together. A large
family of boys and girls had come
into the home to bring sunshine and
shadows along the trail. One by one
these boys and girls had grown to
maturity and gone out into the world
to make homes for themselves—
two were long sleeping in the old
country church cemetery near where
the family had worshipped God for
all these years.

Finally the last one of the chil-
dren, "The Baby," had left the old
home to go out into the world. The
two old people were left all alone to
mingle their tears of loneliness and
dream of the happy days that lay
behind when the children were
around the fireside. It was a pic-
ture never to be forgotten as these
two aged people sat by the evening
fire and thought of what the home
used to be and what it was then.
There was a mellow sweetness
mingled with lonely sadness as they
talked in low tones of the home of
yesterday.

One day the call came for the
husband to join the innumerable
host who had crossed to the land of
never return. The old wife was in-
consolable. The children came and
tried to persuade "mother" to go and
live with them. But she steadfastly
refused to give up the old home.
More than fifty years of married
life had tied her to the scenes and
places at the home. So she stayed
with her loved home and waited the
setting of her sun, and the joining
of "John" in the better land.

As she went about her daily duties
she was thinking that John was
there. She talked to him and layed
plans for their welfare nad com-
fort together just as she had done
all the long years that had gone
by. At meal time she would set
"plates for two" as she had done
for years. Some one asked the dear
old soul one day why she arranged

plates for two. "Oh, one is for
John," she said, and went on with
her work. The habit was so great,
the tie was so close, that John was
still present with her as in days
of yore.

One lovely autumn afternoon, just
as the sun was approaching the
hilltops at the west, like the gentle
passing of a zephyr as it played
hide-and-seek among the tree-tops,
this dear old wife and mother closed
her eyes and folded her hands and
fell on sleep, and went to be with
her John, always her lover, in the
land where the plates will be set
by the hand Omnipotent. Husband
and wife forever over on the golden
shore.

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DIED — Mrs. Eva Johnson
Vaughn, daughter of Mrs. Ellen
Johnson of near Philadelphia, Miss.,
departed this life May 6, 1937, in a
hospital in Montgomery, Ala., her
home, after several months of suf-
fering. She was 32 years old. She
leaves her husband, Hoy W.
Vaughn, and two daughters, John-
nie Lou and Shirley Ann, besides
her mother and a number of broth-
ers and sisters to mourn her going.
She was a member of Highland
Avenue Baptist Church, Montgom-
ery. Her remains were buried in
the Dixon Cemetery, Neshoba Coun-
ty. She was a consistent Christian.

New Black Jack Baptist Church,
Neshoba County, has erected a home
and located Rev. Z. B. Kitchens
in their midst. Many rural church-
es could do likewise.

Rev. W. H. Shirley, of McAllen,
Texas, recently closed a meeting
with the Philadelphia Baptist
Church with good results. He was
pastor of the church for a number
of years. The present new building
was erected during his ministry.

The fifth Sunday meeting of
Yalobusha Baptist Association has
been invited to meet with Sylva
Rena Baptist Church, seven miles
west of Water Valley, the fifth
Sunday in this month. Rev. L. J.
Crumby, the pastor, has recently
had the pleasure of having a case
of the mumps.

While in Neshoba County last
week it was my privilege to visit in
the good home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben
F. Rhodes, of Neshoba. His mother,
Mrs. Frank Rhodes, was seriously
ill with but little prospect of her
recovery.

The Neshoba County monthly as-
sociational meeting convened with
Coldwater Baptist Church on Fri-
day, May 7th. The meeting was
well attended and a splendid pro-
gram was rendered. Among the
speakers were Elders H. W. Shirley,
D. A. McCall, J. W. Burnette,
Montie Davis, and others. The meet-
ing will be held with Sardis church
in the eastern part of Neshoba Coun-
ty, June 11th.

Prof. Olin Nicholson and his
splendid wife have been employed to
teach in the Coldwater Vocational
School, Neshoba County. Both are
good church workers, and Professor
Nicholson is a splendid singer and
band leader. He was recently elect-
ed choir leader in the Coldwater
Baptist Church in all of its depart-
ments. We are glad to have these
good people in our midst.

LITERARY FESTIVAL, BLUE MOUNTAIN

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Friday morning President Law-
rence T. Lowrey will give the ad-
dress of welcome, which will be
responded to by Dr. D. H. Bishop,
head of the department of English
at the University of Mississippi.

Margaret Flint, novelist, Bay St.
Louis, Miss., author of The Old Ash-
burn Place and winner of the Pic-
torial Review-Dodd-Mead \$10,000
novel prize for 1935, will make an
address on "The Creation and De-
velopment of Character."

Speakers and subjects are: Dr.
G. T. Buckley, registrar, Missis-
sippi State College for Women and
former sponsor of Blue Mountain
Scribblers, "The Discovery and De-
velopment of Student Writers"; Dr.
Milton C. White, head of the de-
partment of English at Millsaps
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in Open Forum on "The College
Campus As a Laboratory for Crea-
tive Writing"; Harry Martin, dra-
matic editor of The Commercial
Appeal, "A Columnist in Holly-
wood"; Professor David E. Guyton,
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versity of Mississippi Scribblers'
Club, "Writing Newspaper Verse";
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head of the department of English,
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Open Forum on "The College Maga-
zine: What Should It Do?"

Friday evening Robert Penn War-
ren, poet, editor of Southern Re-
view, professor of creative writing
in Louisiana State University, form-
er Rhodes scholar at Oxford for 3
years, will speak.

Saturday morning the following
program will be given: "The South
Writes Again," by Dr. B. G. Low-
rey, co-author of "Mississippi," and
former president of Blue Mountain
College; Open Forum, "Writers I
have Known," by Dr. Charles D.
Johnson; professors' conference on
writing, by Robert Penn Warren;
"Southern Writers as an Oxonian
Sees Them," by Professor C. P.
Lee, Southwestern University, form-
er Rhodes scholar of Oxford.

Miss Tom Womack, Secretary

It has become necessary to pass
a law in New York State to prevent
hasty marriages. This was made
necessary because of the increasing
number of people who were married
while drunk. As a "temperance"
measure repeal doesn't seem to be
a success.

—BR—

Beginning on the second day of
May, it was my good pleasure to
do the preaching in a revival meet-
ing at Money, Miss., which appar-
ently resulted in a real revival
among the membership of the
church. There were several addi-
tions to the church, most of whom
were by baptism. The attendance
was excellent through the meeting.
Brother W. C. Sledge is the ef-
ficient pastor, and his people love
him devotedly. They are respond-
ing to his leadership in a great
way. It is their plan to begin in
the near future the construction of
a new church building. We were en-
tertained in the palatial home of
Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Henderson. This
was our second meeting with Pas-
tor Sledge who is one of the com-
ing young ministers of the State.
He knows just how to make a vis-
iting minister enjoy a visit. We give
God the glory for the victory won
there.—C. S. Thomas.

—BR—

There is a lesson for some of us
preachers (maybe several lessons)
in the experience of Elijah at
Horeb when he hid away in the
cave. There are three sentences
that read very much alike: "The
Lord was not in the wind"; "The
Lord was not in the earthquake";
"The Lord was not in the fire." And
this repetition is very significant.
Sometime those who hear us preach
doubtless wish there were not so
much wind and fire and earthquake.
If we would just reduce the noise in
the pulpit, the message would of-
ten be more effective. Yelling and
violent gesticulation may be only
an evidence of uncontrolled ner-
vousness. And our nervousness
makes other people nervous. Physi-
cal violence may be caused by a
half consciousness that we haven't
got much to say or that the Spirit
of God is not present with us to
make the message effective. Will
not find his saw to cut any better
by biting his tongue and making
grimaces. Better sharpen the saw.
People like the quiet spirit of rever-
ence in the house of God. The
sun, moon and stars make mighty
little noise. Noise may mean there
is need of lubrication.



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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by
L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

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Lesson for May 23 ESAU THE PROFANE Genesis 25 and 27

Isaac and Rebekah had been married twenty years when their twin sons Esau and Jacob were born. As the lads grew they grew up not only but they grew apart because they grew unlike. We study today the character of Esau as that character developed and expressed itself in the life which reacted upon that to a degree which molded it and Esau.

We aim to see God in all the lives of all the people upon whom He laid the burden of action in the Bible story. In the case of Esau we see him as the impulsive Esau makes it impossible for God to depend upon him in the working out of the righteous will in the forming of the chosen race.

I. Good Qualities in Esau.

1. He was a man of the open. He lived there. We may think of him as a cunning hunter of game, but we do not think of him as one who could employ trickery in dealing with his fellow man. He was sincere.

2. He was strong in physique. A deep-chested, broadshouldered man always commands our respect for the sheer strength which is his dower.

3. He loved to perform feats of physical prowess. Swift of foot, strong of arm, keen of eye, he was the very sort of man as that which we now employ in making the college athletes whose feats of athletic prowess wins our enthusiastic acclaim.

4. Given time to reflect on his way, he wanted the best, as he understood the best. He wept over the loss of his blessing and showed by his expression of regret over its loss his high estimate of its worth to him.

II. Bad Qualities in Esau.

1. He could not wait. Dr. E. K. Cox of Gloster, wrote the best character sketch of Esau I have ever read. It was printed in the Baptist Record some time ago, under the title: Esau, the Man Who Could Not Wait. Doctor Cox goes along to say that as we find Esau at the first, there were many things to admire in the make-up of the man. But one thing, and that about the only thing unfavorable about him: He could not wait. When he grew hungry, he would give all he had for food, when by waiting a couple of hours, he might have all he craved, and that for the mere asking. Such an one will gratify his appetite at any cost to himself or others. He will gratify his senses speedily, at whatever costs to him or others.

2. He learned little in the school

of experience. He was forty years old when he married. In spite of his age, he made a marriage foolish in the extreme when one considers what the marriage brought Esau, and what he might clearly have seen, it would bring to him. He might have learned that such marriages as those he made would be a grief of mind to his parents. Such foolish actions have their consequences for other people. Actions are not, and can not be solitary and unimportant; actions have relations to other sections and to influences simply innumerable and incalculable. A man's actions are not confined in their influences to him. They influence others also, and there is no man who may not have learned this to his own regret. When Esau marries a heathen it hurts him not only but it hurts his parents, his circle, his nation, all his kindred, and the cause of his God.

Esau might have learned that the punishment of his sin, of any man's sin, does not confine itself to one line of punishment. Esau went against the law of his country and his people in marrying Canaanitish women. What was the punishment? Endless, ubiquitous, complete: (1) Esau was alienated from his family; (2) he was in rebellion against the laws of God's society; (3) he forfeited his hereditary rights. The law of his land was: Marry a Canaanitish woman and you lose your rights of primogeniture. Esau supplanted himself. Go back to the roots and beginnings of things, and you will always find that any supplanted man is his own supplanter, his own worst enemy.

3. He was a man of swift impulses. Impulsive men sometimes gain their ends with startling and complete effect. Impulse may not ruin, it may achieve much, but it is always a matter of chance that it does so. It is not to be compared for final effectiveness with the quiet perseverance that sees its end from afar and moves toward that end till it is reached.

4. Esau had no sense of spiritual values. The value of an attitude of loyalty to God he did not conceive. That the greatest forces in the world for the molding of it into successively finer states he did not in the least appreciate. He was one of the poor unfortunates who do not know that the gravest mistakes they can make is that of leaving the spiritual element out of the making of their lives. He was a materialist not only, though that is bad enough of itself. He thought nothing was of worth except the things he could see and smell and handle and eat and drink! So he was a poor sensualist.

III. Esau's Sin of Profanity.

What is profanity? It is making the finer things common. He who would take from a church a table designed for use in the serving of the Lord's Supper and play a crap game on it would be guilty of profaning that table. One who would go into a church building or elsewhere, take a musical instrument which had been dedicated to the praise of the Lord and play swing-time music for dances on it would be guilty of profanity. A man who will take the ineffable name and

make a common word of it is guilty of profane language. A man who will prostitute the highest characteristics and qualities of his own life to the service of the low and base is guilty of the sin of profanity. So Esau is said to be profane because he despised his birthright. See what Esau despised: (1) the right of priesthood inherent in the eldest line of the patriarch's family; (2) the promise of the inheritance of the Holy Land; (3) the promise that in his race and of his blood Messiah should be born; (4) the corollary promise that in his seed should all the people of the earth be blessed, with the coupled command that he should be a blessing. Esau parted with all this because, as he said in the rough, unreflective, commonplace strain which marks persons of his character even now, and which they mistake for common sense, "He did not see the good of it all." "What good shall this birthright do me?"

"It is human to pity Esau, but it is not right to do more. We have no right to fancy for a moment that God was arbitrary or hard upon him. Esau is not the sort of a man to be the father of a great nation, or of anything else great. Greedy, passionate, reckless people like him, without due feeling of religion or the unseen world, are not the men to govern the world or to help it forward. God just does not choose men of that sort, because they are just not dependable in the great work God has for great men to do.

God chooses rather the men whom he can fashion through the years to work patiently for the coming good out far in the future. It is of those men, far as they fall short of the best in the beginning that God chooses. They have in them the making of the tested men whose spirits God may touch and train to His own uses.

M.S.C.W. AND STATE COLLEGE B.S.U. INSTALLATION BANQUET

M. S. C. W. and State College Baptist Student Union Council members and guests went aboard "The Flying Carpet" at the annual joint Baptist Student Union installation banquet at the Gilmer Hotel on Saturday of last week.

An imaginary trip, under the capable piloting of Ruby Nelle Gooch, Jane Strickland, and Dorothy Dean, was made to Zurich, Switzerland, the meeting place for the Baptist Youth World-Wide Congress this year. The passengers said good-bye to the Stars and

Stripes in New York and arrived in London just in time for the coronation.

The chief speaker of the evening was Miss Mary Nance Daniels, Southwide student worker, of Nashville, Tenn. The subject of her message was "Christ Our Life." This message was of special value to the new council members. Also on the program were Dr. Noble B. Armstrong, Howard Covington, Dexter Dean, Miss Lois Bush and DeWitt Matthews.

Other guests for the occasion were Doctor and Mrs. Franks, Mr. Joe Abrams, Miss Bulah Culbertson, Dr. Ray, Mr. Young, and Miss Rhobia Taylor.

—Eleanor Ruscoe, M.S.C.W.

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PHILADELPHIA

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Pastor H. W. Shirley, McAllen, Texas, was with us in a revival series for twelve days. Results: twenty-four additions, good attendance and fine atmosphere. Brother Shirley is a good preacher. He is a former pastor. Throughout our ministry we have enjoyed having former pastors revisit fields. They have never done us any harm, notwithstanding much silly talk along that line from some sources. With only two or three exceptions in the several years of our ministry we have found brother preachers to be of the fairest and finest sort. It is fine to be Christian!

Pastor Rush MacDonald, Memphis, led the singing and conducted services for the young people. Rush is one of the most promising young ministers among our acquaintances at this time. He has relatives here. Was born here.

For a pastor to leave a field in a state of revival (baptizing fifteen Sunday before leaving), be gone three months, return and find a revival state is enough to overflow any heart. In addition all attendance records were broken during this period. While in the middle of the Pacific Ocean the pastor received a cablegram to that effect. It was not collect either.

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Yours in Him,
The Pastor.

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REV. J. M. HENDRIX

Yalobusha County has lost one of its good preachers, Rev. James M. Hendrix, who departed this life May 10, 1937, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ed McMahan. He was nearly 74 years old, born in Calhoun County, Nov. 10, 1863. He united with old Providence Baptist Church, Calhoun County, in 1892. In 1984 he was ordained to the ministry by Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Elders G. W. Riley, J. F. McKibben and J. L. Roane forming the presbytery.

For nearly forty-three years he was a faithful preacher, serving many churches in Calhoun and Yalobusha County. Among those served were Mt. Moriah, Dallas and Driver's Flat in Calhoun County, and Pilgrims Rest for 12 years, Pine Grove for 20 years, Dividing Ridge for 8 years, Clear Springs for 15 years, and others in Yalobusha. He had little education but he loved the Lord and was faithful. He baptized hundreds of converts, married scores of couples, buried the dead all over the country and was ever faithful to the truth of the Bible.

He was married twice; first to Miss Ida Estes who lived only one year, then to Miss Mollie Fuller who died in August, 1936. Eleven children were born to these unions, seven of whom survive him. He was a member of Clear Springs Baptist Church at his death. His body was brought to the cemetery connected with this old church where he had labored so long and faithful and laid beside that of his last wife. The writer conducted the service.

He was a good man, honest, faithful and true to the Bible. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He served rural churches and received but little compensation as a rule, but he preached right on, endeavoring to win the lost to Christ. He was an exceptionally good revivalist considering his opportunities. His reward in heaven will be great.

R. L. Breland.

R. H. MOLPUS
Philadelphia, Miss.

The very saddening news of the going of R. H. Molpus, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Mississippi, came to me on the other side of the globe as our ship, the Rajputana, was docking at Kowloon, China. He was a good friend and a loyal churchman. He lived the Scriptural admonition, "Be ye kind one to another."

Just a few days before sailing I was called to the home of one of our consecrated laboring men. He was very sick. It was not surprising to find Mr. Molpus there ready to render any assistance possible. It was just like him!

Mr. Molpus served as chairman of our nominating committee and helped give us a fine set of leaders for the year 1937. For years he served faithfully and gladly as chairman of the finance committee and it was his proud boast about his Lord's church here, "First Baptist Church never fails to meet her obligations."

D. A. McCall

TIDINGS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church continues to be profited by and rejoice in the great revival meeting our Lord gave us early in April. We thank God for sending Rev. Leo Green and Rev. William Lowrey Cooper to us for the meeting and for the leadership of the Holy Spirit during the meeting.

On the eighteenth of April, it was our good fortune to have Dr. Frank H. Leavell with us for both services. He brought a great missionary message at the morning service and a message of the night service which was very appropriate to the occasion, the occasion being the installation of the B. S. U. officers for the ensuing year. Our older people as well as our young people were tremendously helped by the two messages God spoke through Dr. Leavell.

Our church feels that three truly great mission secretaries have been in our midst and spoken to us during the past few months. Dr. Lawrence was with us in February, Dr. Maddry was with us in March, and Dr. Gunter was with us for both services last Sunday. The two messages our Lord delivered through Dr. Gunter last Sunday were more far reaching than any of us can possibly estimate. All of us are rejoicing that we have such a man as our state mission secretary.

At the recent senior expression recital of Miss Marie Guyton, local student at the college, all the members of the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. led by Miss Guyton were invited as honor guests to the reception following the recital. One reason why God is blessing His work here is because the church has so many leaders who in addition to really loving the Lord really love those whom they are trying to lead.

J. S. Riser, Jr.

BIBLE STUDY IN COPIAH-LINCOLN JUNIOR COLLEGE

I have just brought to a close my course in Bible in Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. The title of the course during the first semester was The Life of Christ and during the second semester Apostolic History. I have sought in it all to give a true insight into the meaning of the New Testament and the Bible as a whole. Now, at the conclusion of the course, I can say that nothing has ever afforded me greater joy nor given me a clearer idea of the susceptibility of the youthful Christian soul to the appeal of the living Word of God. My students have been as enthusiastic in their Bible work as could be imagined. Herewith I am giving some testimonials that I found without asking and unexpectedly at the end of the examination papers a few days since:

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By a Methodist ministerial student: "I . . . have come to understand and love it (the Bible) more under your guidance. I have enjoyed and benefitted greatly by this course."

By a young Baptist lady: "Mr. Lowry, I have enjoyed this course more than any other course that I have taken. I wish it were possible to continue the study from you."

A Methodist girl wrote: "Brother Lowry, I have enjoyed my course in Bible more than any other course this fall. Before I started taking Bible, it was hard for me to find it interesting, but as I had hoped, by taking this course, it has become the most interesting reading I can do."

A Baptist girl said: "I have always enjoyed reading the New Testament, but I can say that you have opened the way for me. I hope to use this course as a stepping-stone to a greater appreciation."

"Brother Lowry, I want you to pray with me that God will open my eyes that I may find the place where I can best serve. I hope, with His help, to prepare myself to serve wherever I am."

Another Baptist girl said: "Bro. Lowry, I have certainly enjoyed this course in Bible, especially the last semester. Your explanations have made me see things that I never thought of before, and I certainly appreciate it."

I found other testimonials too numerous to cite. I give these prayerfully and in deep humility that the Baptist people of Mississippi may see a field of missionary endeavor that needs their prayers and consideration.

It is not a book about the Bible that our youth needs, but the Bible itself. All of our young people are interested in the Bible, and many are hungry for its true message for their souls. They need the opportunity to study it.

Following the freshman course this year, I plan to give a sophomore course throughout next year in Old Testament.

Such work is a sacrificial task for a busy pastor, but what a glorious work!

Yours sincerely,
Mark Lowry, Pastor
Wesson Baptist Church.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

The Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia, Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor, is rejoicing because of the rich blessing it received in a great eight days young people's revival, May 2-9, which was conducted by T. Luther Holcomb, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee, assisted by three of his fellow students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. During this period there were fifty-three additions to the church, forty-seven of whom were for baptism. The ingathering itself would have made it a great meeting but its value in the inspiration and deepening of the spiritual life of the young people of the church is incalculable.

It was strictly a young people's revival. The older members of the church prayed and attended and supported it financially but all of the work and participation in the service publicly was by young people.

Dr. Cox strongly commends brother Holcomb to the pastors of the Southern Baptist Convention for similar service in their churches. He states that brother Holcomb's methods, his personal spirit and attitude, and his preaching have no undesirable accents and are altogether praiseworthy.

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The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

You will find first this week Dr. Hamilton's letter, with his receipt for our April money, sent him last week for Miss Mildred's scholarship for next session at the B. B. I. Note very carefully what he says about Miss Mixon—"has made a splendid record with us this year—is one of the best students in my classes." That is a fine commendation. I hope we will have another letter from her, soon.

Brother Mize came to see me yesterday—being in Clinton. We had a pleasant chat for something like an hour. I am very fond of brother Mize; indeed, he thinks he is a sort of a son of mine.

Mrs. W. W. Taylor sends a kind letter, thanking me for something I did. I think the thanks should go to her for writing the letter instead of to me for printing it, don't you? We appreciate the contribution, and the additional she sends in this letter.

The next envelope contains a check for \$5.00 from Ripley, which is a gift from three of the earnest members of Shady Grove Baptist Church, for our Orphanage. There is also a promise of more very soon. We are deeply grateful to these dear people, who are proving their faith by their works.

Mrs. Friend comes as regularly as the moon each month, and we may look for her without fear of disappointment. Her letter is a model of value and brevity. We send her our heartiest thanks.

Fannie Mae sends us her Jeannie Lipsey Club No. 7 dues, and fifty cents for her birthday offering. We are happy to get them. She also sends some information about her age and her mother's and sister's. In fact, while she did not give the ages, she made it possible for me to find them out. She also sends answers to Mrs. Mayo's Bible puzzle. A pretty full letter, to be sure.

Omega Hembree sends her dues for May to the quarter-to-two club. Who will be club No. 4 of this little new club? It is easier to do than to carry on a Jeannie L. Club. We will be glad to welcome others.

Ruby Faye Haire sends us \$2.00 from Vardaman, to which place they have moved from Mooreville. I hope she will be able to make some arrangements about Jeannie Lipsey Club No. 20.

This is all for this week, and it's a good many, isn't it?

Much love, from,

Mrs. Lipsey.

Bible Study No. 4

ELISHA MULTIPLIES A POT OF OIL

2 Kings 4:1-7

The young men who were students at Elisha's schools of the prophets lived together in communities, but were not forbidden to marry. One of these young men died, and his widow went to Elisha for help. Elisha received this poor woman kindly, for he was as a father to the sons of the prophets, and concerned himself in all their affairs. Her husband was well known to the older prophet, and he knew him to be a godly man, one who feared the Lord. But he had left her with a burden of debt. It is not probable from the character of the young man, that this debt came from extravagant living; it may have come from long sickness, by losses, or bad debts, or by their bad management. She has two sons, and her severest creditor has told her he will sell them into bondage, and has come for them. Among the Jews, a person could be sold as a slave, but this slavery would continue only six or seven years, at most, until the Jubilee year. (Read Exodus 21:2; Leviticus 25:39-41.)

Some way must be found to pay this debt. Elijah was not wealthy, and could not pay it, even if he had thought that the best way. He did not give her some small amount, that would not do much good, but asked her what she had that she could sell. She had nothing, she said, but a pot of oil. So Elisha sends her to borrow from her neighbors all the empty vessels she can get, "not a few," but many. She does so, and then Elisha tells her to shut the doors fast upon her and her sons and pour out the oil. Perhaps one boy brought her the empty containers, and the other set aside the full ones. Certainly they helped her, as sons should. When the many vessels were filled from her one pot, she told her son to bring another, but he told her there wasn't another single vessel empty. Do you notice that the oil was multiplied as it was poured, as the widow of Somebody's meal in the using, (I Kings 17:15, 16) or the food for the multitudes that Jesus fed, as it was being given around? (Mark 6: 40, 41). It is when we do everything we can for our needs, that God's blessing comes.

Then the prophet told her what to do with this miraculous provision oil. It was for the payment of the debt, and must be sold. Being made by miracle, it was of the very best and would bring a good price. We can see the young prophet's widow, so glad to have her debt paid, and her two sons still with her. And we are glad, too, to know that there was some money left for her and her two boys to live on.

ANSWERS TO MRS. MAYO'S PUZZLE

1. Canaan, Num. 13:2.
2. Olives, Matt. 21:1-2.
3. Moriah, Gen. 22:2.
4. Moab, Deut. 34:1-5.
5. Azubah, I Chron. 2:18.
6. Nahum.
7. Deborah, Jud. 4:4.
8. Manasseh, Gen. 49:14.
9. Eutychus, Acts 20:9.
10. Nebo, Deut. 34:1.
11. Twelve, Rev. 21:21.
12. Syrian.

COMMANDMENTS.

Fannie Mae Henley.

BIBLE PUZZLE

1. What spy was with Joshua?
2. What was mother of Boaz?
3. What man was killed for putting his hand on the Ark of God?
4. In what was the head of John the Baptist carried to Herodias' daughter?
5. Of what was King Solomon's throne made?
6. How many fishes did the boy have with which Jesus fed the five thousand?
7. For what kind of words must we give account?
8. What book tells most about the travels of the Israelites?
9. Give name of the fifth son of Jacob.
10. What was name of the son of Boaz and Ruth?
11. Who was Joshua's father?

Mrs. Beulah Mayo.

My dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Doyle and I are all in our usual health and we are looking eagerly forward to the Convention, trusting that it may be a great blessing to the Lord's cause in this great city.

Enclosed is receipt for the \$12.80 sent toward Miss Mixon's scholarship for next year. This fine young woman has made a splendid record with us this year. She is one of the best students in my classes.

Again with every good wish, and grateful for your confidence and prayers and help, I am

Yours sincerely,
W. W. Hamilton,
President

Belzoni, Miss.,
May 4, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Thank you so much for publishing my letter. All my class in Sunday school read it, and were so proud they had a part in the offering to the Orphanage. So I am sending another little contribution of 25 cents from my class, the junior girls.

We have a fine Sunday school at our church, Gooden Lake Church. Brother C. C. Carraway is our pastor, and everybody loves him. May-be you know him.

Wishing you much success.

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. W. Taylor

I think I know your pastor, Mrs. Taylor, and am glad to know your esteem of him. And we are grateful for your interest in the Orphanage. Thank you, and write again when you have this good occasion.

Ripley, Miss., Rt. 4,
May 10, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Enclosed you will find \$5.00 for the Orphans.

Mr. Oscar Lence\$3.00
Mrs. Will Hill 1.00
Sunday School 1.00

We will be sending more soon, as we did not have a special collection Sunday. We love the orphans and all co-workers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Will Hill

Shady Grove Baptist Church.
Your gifts show that you love the orphans, dear friend. We are so pleased to add this good sum to our Orphanage list. And I'm going to be looking for that "more." You are getting me spoiled, but never mind about that: I like to be spoiled in that way. Thank you so much.

Clarksdale, Miss.,
May 10, 1937

B. B. I. \$1.00.

Orphanage, \$2.00.

J. L. Club No. 4.

Friend,

Like sunshine after rain, dear Friend, is your never-failing letter, coming to those who need what it brings. I thank you for it.

Olive Branch, Miss.,
May 11, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am sending you my birthday offering with Jeannie Lipsey Club No. 1 dues and the answers to Mrs. Mayo's puzzle for last week. The twenty-fifth of this month is my birthday. The sum of mother's, sister's and my ages will be 54. I will be twice as old as sister and one third as old as mother.

With love,

Well, my dear, I have done some little figuring as to what you say about your age and your mother's, and your sister's, and have made a little example about it—and have found out how old you all are! You are all so young that none of you will mind, I think. Besides, you did not sign your name, though perhaps some will know what it is.

Here is the example:

Let X=older daughter's age; then 1/2X or X/2=younger daughter's age; and

3X=mother's age.

Using the figures you give me, X+X/2+3X=54,

or,

4X+X/2=54.

8X+X=108, or 9X=108.

X=108/9=12, older daughter's age.

X/2=6, younger daughter's age.
3X=36, mother's age.

Vardaman, Miss.,
May 10, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Perhaps you have noticed my new address, which explains why I am late writing. Last week was the last week of school, and we moved too. You can imagine how busy we were with mother and daddy teaching.

I hated to leave my friends in Moorville, but I know I will find some fine girls and boys here.

My daddy is pastor of the Baptist church here. He enjoys working with these people. When we arrived Friday, they had our pantry packed full of good things to eat. We appreciate these nice gifts very much. I am sending club dues and also \$1.00 extra for the orphans.

Lots of love,

Ruby Faye Hair.

You are giving us a surprise, Ruby Faye. I hope you will find a happy home in Vardaman. Were you able to make any arrangement for some one to take care of Jeannie L. Club No. 20? Perhaps you can get a new club in Vardaman. Thank you so much for the dues and other gift.

McLain, Miss.,
May 12, 1937

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I was glad to see my letter in print last week. Was glad to know I was the first one to join the quarter-to-two club. Here is my quarter for the dues. Will try to get some new members.

With love,

Omega Hembree.

Thank you, little member: you came back sooner than I was expecting, but this pays for May. We have three clubs now, and I hope will soon have others. It will be nice to get some new members.

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S. S. ATTENDANCE MAY 16, 1937

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| Jackson, First Church | 937 |
| Jackson, Calvary Church | 865 |
| Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church | 780 |
| Jackson, Davis Mem. Church | 214 |
| Jackson, Parkway Church | 185 |
| Jackson, Northside Church | 114 |
| Clarksdale Church | 378 |
| Laurel, West Laurel Church | 480 |
| Laurel, First Church | 478 |
| Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church | 307 |
| Laurel, Wausau Church | 67 |
| Meridian, 41st Ave. Church | 311 |

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B. T. U. ATTENDANCE MAY 16

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| Jackson, First Church | 107 |
| Jackson, Calvary Church | 160 |
| Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church | 284 |
| Jackson, Davis Mem. Church | 108 |
| Jackson, Parkway Church | 36 |
| Jackson, Northside Church | 30 |
| Clarksdale Church | 145 |
| Laurel, West Laurel Church | 175 |
| Laurel, First Church | 125 |
| Laurel, Wausau Church | 54 |
| Meridian, 41st Ave. Church | 70 |

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Serious Thinking

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mean by an Enlargement Campaign? It is a study course PLUS. Before, during and after the study course efforts will be made to enlarge the number of unions in the church, to also enlist more of the members of the church for the Training Union. There is no church in Mississippi we feel that has enlisted all of its possibilities for the Training Union, hence the challenge for this enlargement campaign. There are yet perhaps seven hundred churches that do not have even one union, this is a challenge to the Associational B. T. U. and to the pastors of these churches and to the churches themselves to have such a campaign. Remember it is all for the glory of God and the spread of His kingdom. We seek only to magnify Christ.

First, Hattiesburg, Elects Director

We are happy to report a growing interest in the Training Union work of First Church, Hattiesburg. Miss Mildred Shipp has recently been elected to the office of director, succeeding Mr. E. B. Hinton who has served in that capacity for several years. Miss Shipp in writing of their plans says "This is just before a B. A. U. comes into existence in our church." With the adults enlisted for training we can expect a healthy growth all down the line.

Young People's Night At the S. B. C.

Sunday night was designated as Young People's Night at the Southern Baptist Convention that met in New Orleans last week. It was a high hour. The attendance was the largest of any session of the Convention with nearly every seat taken, even way back and up in the highest galleries. A glorious song service was a contribution to the program, this led by Mr. Hall of First Church, New Orleans, and participated in by members of the choirs of the churches of the city. We were proud of our Mississippi Woman's quartette who sang several times during the program. Three very effective talks were made on the place and value of Baptist Training Union, and Dr. George Truett brought the closing message, presenting Christ as the only hope for a sin-sick world. The thousands who were there and other thousands who perhaps were listening in over the radio will never forget the vivid picture of the all-resourceful Christ given by this great preacher of God. New Orleans can never be the same after this great Convention, for those who had the privilege of attending, if no part save the Sunday night service, must feel within their hearts a greater urge to live the out and out life for Christ. We thank Mr. Lambdin who planned for this great young people's night. Baptist Training Union Marches

A JEW PREACHING CHRIST (Baptist Messenger)

A young Jewish lawyer from Chicago was passing through Kansas City on a vacation trip West. He met a reporter on a Kansas City daily and their conversation led around to an argument about the New Testament. The newspaper man suggested to the lawyer that he had better learn more about the New Testament before discussing it further. The young attorney, Hyman Appleman, bought a copy of the New Testament and read the Gospel of John; when a child he had heard a Presbyterian missionary say that the quickest way to get acquainted with Christianity was to read the Gospel of John. Appleman read John, but couldn't understand it. He only worried more about his own life. Going on to Denver, he met an old man, the employment secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who sent him to his pastor in one of the congregations of the disciples. That pastor led him to Christ, and young Appleman joined that organization of Disciples.

Immediately after his conversion he wired his parents in Chicago — his father was a builder and an officer in a Chicago bank. The father and mother sent Hyman's sweetheart to Denver to bring him home. They could not endure the thought of their oldest son leaving the Jews to join the Gentiles. Hyman would not return to the faith of his ancestors, and his sweetheart broke the engagement. He had property in Chicago and more than \$1,700 in the bank, but he lost everything rather than renounce Jesus Christ. With only thirty-five cents in his pocket he sought work in Denver and labored in a paint factory. While in that city he bore testimony, publicly and privately, to his Savior. One Sunday he supplied for the church and spoke on the text, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" He said that Christ was the only way, the sinner needed only to repent and believe. Nothing else was needed to save. The elders took him aside after the service and told him that four steps were necessary to salvation: repentance, faith, confession, baptism. He could never find that in the Bible, and left the Disciples or "Campbellites."

Just after this experience he received a message from Chicago that his mother was dying. He hastened home only to find that it was a decoy message; his mother was well and visiting in another city. He went East and found employment with a railway system. All the while he was distressed about his spiritual condition. He made the mistake, he says, of not seeking any spiritual adviser about his

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troubles. He started toward Chicago, determined to visit again the scenes of his childhood, then commit suicide. When he reached Pittsburgh, he joined the Army. He was transferred to the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington City, where later he met the young woman, a devoted Christian woman, who was to become his wife. A young man to whom he confided some of his troubles introduced him to a Baptist pastor in Washington City, who opened the Scriptures to him and encouraged him in every way possible. He joined a Baptist church. Later he led to Christ the friend who had introduced him to the pastor of that church.

In November, 1928, Hyman Appleman of the United States Army was transferred to Fort Sill, and united with the Central Baptist Church, Lawton. From the beginning of his residence in Fort Sill, he went out frequently and preached and sought to lead the lost to his Savior. Pastor N. A. Moore, now teaching Bible in Hardin-Simmons University, encouraged him. Later—in May, 1930—the deacons told him one morning that they desired to ordain him to the Gospel ministry—that they believed God wanted him to preach.

(Continued next week)

Our office has been favored with a copy of the address made by Hon. W. M. Whittington before the Flood Control Conference at St. Louis in March. Mississippi is very fortunate in being represented in the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress by a man of Mr. Whittington's ability and diligence. He has studied the subject thoroughly, works unceasingly at the task, is familiar with the problems involved and is devoted to the interests of the section which he represents. There are few committees which can compare with this one in importance to our people, and conditions for the past few years have accentuated its importance. The influence of Mr. Whittington as a member of this committee cannot be easily measured.

The club bore was relating one of his long-winded stories that everybody knew by heart. He was describing what happened when he went on a trip to Grand Canyon in America during a old tour.

"The soft curtain of night was just falling," he orated. "There I stood, drinking in the scene, with the giant abyss yawning before me."

One of the listeners interrupted at this point. "I say, old chap," he asked. "Was that abyss yawning before you got there?"

Rooms are being reserved at Hillman much more rapidly this spring than in recent years. More room deposits have already been received than were on hand two months later than this last year, although last year was the best since the depression began.

Those who are interested should act promptly.
M. P. L. BERRY, President
HILLMAN COLLEGE
Clinton, Mississippi

CLASS OF '37, BLUE MOUNTAIN

President Lawrence T. Lowrey announces there will be sixty-one candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree at Blue Mountain College this year, fifty-one on May 26 and ten in August. Those seeking degrees in May are:

Misses Dixie Lou Armes, Pleasant Grove; Dorothy Rose Beswick, Wilena Godwin, Marie Guyton, Joyce Marie Liming, Monteze Brown Robertson, Blue Mountain; Addie Jane Boydston, Jackson; Mary Avis Bridges, Slate Springs; Martha Elizabeth Browning, Bridgeport, Ala.; Ella Frances Burnett, Rena Lara; Maria Elizabeth Burney, Ackerman; Jeffie Carter, West; Jeannette Cleveland, Tupelo; Mary Lou Curry, Inez Harpole, Eupora; Fay Ferguson, Louin; Irma Lee Flynt, Meridian; Delores Fuller, Mary Hudson, New Albany; Velma Dare Green, Spring Hope, N. C.

Claude Fay Harrison, Fulton; Mary Elizabeth Hopkins, Kosciusko; Rachel Annice Hunter, Cotton Plant; Minnie Mae Irvin, Isola; Roberta Louise Ivy, Louisville; Elizabeth Hall Jackson, Bernice Swain, Greenville; Lucy Hutchins Jones, Monroe, La.; Ruth Elizabeth Kirk, Alys Townes, Virginia Ruth Wright, Grenada; Martha Nelle Kloss, Louisville, Ky.; Winnie Mae Landreth, Vardaman; Sara Martha Landrum, McCool; Julia Bernice Long, Canton; Lydia Gilder Lowry, Holly Springs; Dorothy Aileen Mayer, Memphis, Tenn.; Pauline Nix, Guin, Ala.; Lillian Frances O'Kelley, Dumas; Martha Virgie Parnell, Sardis;

Margaret Robertson, West Point; Martha Maybeth Rush, Lake; Ruth Waterman Sanford, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Jessie Corinne Shepherd, Water Valley; Julia Elizabeth Spight, Ripley; Lourie Strickland, Belmont; Martha Eileen Stubblefield, Houston; Eleanor Lewis Walters, Laurel; Evelyn Caroline Williams, Booneville; Ruth Wimbs, Ratliff.

Dorothy Rose Beswick, Marie Guyton, Elizabeth Hall Jackson, and Lydia Gilder Lowry are also candidates for the Diploma in Expression. Miss Von Nelle Byrd, Mt. Olive, is a candidate for Diplomas in both Voice and Expression.

—Miss Tom Womack, Secretary

CLASS OF 1937, MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE

The following compose the graduating class of the Woman's College at Hattiesburg.

Sara Abshagen, Brookhaven, Lillian Ackridge, Biloxi; Trudie Ainsworth, Bay Springs; Elizabeth Allen, Biloxi; Imogene Barrett, Hattiesburg; Fannie Blackwell, Columbia; Cora Chatham, Rose Hill; Johnnie Mae Coon, McLain; Elizabeth Cooper, Tylertown.

Estelle Fagan, Laurel; Annie Ruth Gandy, Magnolia; Marguerite Hammons, Holcomb; Hallie Gene Hart, Lucedale; Claribel and Evelyn Elizabeth Hickman, Brookhaven; James Hulsey, Hattiesburg; Lola Elizabeth Johnson, Hattiesburg; Alice Lobrano, Centerville.

Doris McIntosh, Leakesville; Vernon Martin, Ackerman; Edith Middleton, Roxie; Miriam Miller, Louis-

ville; Sally Estelle Mitchell, Magee; Margaret Inez Parker, Moss Point; Emma Mae Pope, Brookhaven; Edith Ryan, Kewanee; Evelyn Slay, McComb.

Clarice Louise Scott, Quitman; Evelyn Marbeth Snowden, Meridian; Elizabeth Statham, Meridian; Jimmie Lou Stogner, Tylertown; Dollie Sue Webb and Mary Ella Webb, Gulfport; Ada Walker, Tylertown; Pauline Stone, Meridian; Nancy Lee Tyrone, Prentiss.

Three seniors will be awarded degrees in August this year. They are Beatrice Phillips, Newton; Trugen Hudson, Hub, Miss., and Ruby Lee O'Neal, Perkinson.

RESOLUTIONS OF HICKORY BAPTIST CHURCH

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy, called from us on February 18, 1937, our dearly beloved brother, James A. Gallaspy.

Whereas, he was one of the most loyal members of our church; loyal to every interest of the Kingdom of God, having served as treasurer of the church for many years, and

Whereas, to him the going was a sweet release, but to those who loved him, a loss which eternity alone can repair;

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.

Second, that we extend to his family our deep and sincere sympathy in their loss, and remind them that a Father's care is always over them.

J. M. Moore, Jr.

F. S. Smith

Ethel Henton

Committee

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKERS STUDYING

We are glad to report that during the first six months of the present Sunday school year, from October to March, 1,117 awards have been granted for the completion of "The Young People's Department of the Sunday School." Of this number, 17 awards were granted to workers in Mississippi. Come on Mississippi! Certainly this is by no means the number it should have been, but it is increasing each month. The report for March showed 344 awards. When the effect of the associational program is fully shown we may expect much larger results.

Importance of Knowing "Why" and "How"

As a foundation course for all Young People's department officers, teachers and class officers the study of "The Young People's Department of the Sunday School" is indispensable. It presents clearly, forcibly and practicably the ideals and objectives of Young People's Sunday school work and the best known methods of organizing for and carrying on the program. In this new book, completely re-written and released in the past year, the functions of the department and class is the major emphasis and the officers, both department and class, are related to the work of accomplishing these objectives. The place

of the class officers is magnified and young people will observe the importance and necessity of their fullest cooperation if the department is to fulfill its obligation and ministry.

Enlist Class Officers

When plans are made for a study course in this book, it is exceedingly important that all the class officers be enlisted in the study as well as the department officers and teachers. Surely no officer is fully prepared to do his own work unless he is acquainted and in sympathy with the work of the entire department. And this fact should be remembered—that no Young People's department or class can go far beyond the cooperative activity of class officers. Class officers should complete the study of this book in order to be able to intelligently and wholeheartedly cooperate with the department and class leadership.

Correspondence Method

It should be remembered that the study of books in the New Training Course may be accomplished by the correspondence method. In some cases it may be impossible to arrange for a training school, but the department superintendent and teacher may do much to promote the study individually.

To the Associational Young People's Superintendents

To promote the study of the Young People's department administration book is one of the chief opportunities open to the associational Young People's superintendent. He should plan to arrange for training courses in individual departments, cooperate with associationwide training schools, teach the book him-

self at every opportunity, and promote study of it by the correspondence method. Be assured that the more of our leaders who understand the program outlined in "The Young People's Department of the Sunday School" the more results we shall realize in reaching and ministering to our young people.

A. V. Washburn, Associate Secty. Department of Young People's and Adult Sunday School Work Baptist Sunday School Board Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Ruby Farr, Goodman, daughter of the late brother W. E. Farr, has been elected president of the Blue Mountain College orchestra for the session 1937-38. Miss Lela Belle Hester of Mathiston is vice-president, and Miss Anita Thigpen of Bay Springs is secretary-treasurer.

Waiter: "That man over there says his soup isn't fit for a pig." Manager: "Take it away, and bring him some that is."—Ex.

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SOUTHWEST

The thirtieth ment of Southw logical Semina morning, May Cowden Hall, I gave the invoc Posey, pastor Church, Austin baccalaureate text Isaiah 54 ed the present and exhorted th faithfulness in and meeting it Rev. R. T. D resented the class speaker. dress was the found in the ment Scriptur been assisting of Old Testam ing his under A large ma School of Sac "Hallelujah" d "Messiah." M rector of the presentation. professor of v sang "A New Earth" from was assisted b tet composed Souther, Mrs Sterling Pric comb. Dr. L. R. S of the Semin series of seve graduating

NEW BOOKS

The American Tract Society, 7 West 45th Street, New York City, announces that the book "Except Ye Repent" by Rev. Harry A. Ironside, D.D., pastor of Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Ill., will be ready for distribution about March 10th. This is the book that won the \$1,000.00 prize offered by the American Tract Society for the best manuscript emphasizing one or more essentials of the Christian doctrines. Because of the unusual merit of several other manuscripts submitted in the prize book contest they are being published with Dr. Ironside's book as follows:

The Christian Evangel by Rev. John McNicol, D.D., Toronto, Canada.

The Cross of Christ by Rev. Geo. P. Pierson, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

The Heart of the Christian Faith, by Rev. Francis Shunk Downs, D.D., Berkeley, Calif.

The Triune God by Dr. C. Norman Bartlett, National Bible Institute, New York City.

These books are sent postpaid for \$1.50 each. Sets of five books are sold for \$6.00, but this price is only made on the full set.

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SOUTHWESTERN COMMENCEMENT

The thirtieth annual commencement of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was held Friday morning, May 7, in the George E. Cowden Hall, Dr. George W. Truett gave the invocation and Dr. S. G. Posey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, delivered the baccalaureate sermon, using as his text Isaiah 54:2. Dr. Posey stressed the present crisis in the world and exhorted the graduating class to faithfulness in confronting the crisis and meeting its emergencies.

Rev. R. T. Daniel of Georgia represented the graduating class as class speaker. The theme of his address was the word "Blessed" as found in the Old and New Testament Scriptures. Rev. Daniel has been assisting in the departments of Old Testament and Hebrew during his under-graduate work.

A large mass chorus from the School of Sacred Music sang the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's "Messiah." Mr. I. E. Reynolds, director of the school, conducted the presentation. Mr. Edwin McNeely, professor of voice in the Seminary, sang "A New Heaven and A New Earth" from "The Holy City." He was assisted by an antiphonal quartet composed of Mrs. William Souther, Mrs. Harry Harblen, Sterling Price and Clifford Holcomb.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Seminary, delivered a brief series of seven admonitions to the graduating seniors. This year's

work in the Seminary, according to Dr. Scarborough, has been characterized by unprecedented unity, genuineness of work and financial stability. This year's student body is the largest in a number of years. It is unique in that for the first time in several years the majority of the student group is made up of ordained preachers. The presentation of degrees and diplomas to the thirty-two men and fifteen women applicants concluded the commencement program and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. R. C. Campbell, executive secretary of Texas Baptists. Among the host of friends present were the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.

BRO. FERRELL IN PADUCAH

One of your fine Mississippi pastors, brother L. W. Ferrell of Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, has just been with us in a great revival meeting, the second he had held for us, and I want to speak a word to the Mississippi brotherhood concerning the meetings.

Brother Ferrell was first with us in a meeting last October. At that time we had 25 additions and a great church revival. That revival continued in all the departments of the church work until the flood hit us in January, for we had additions and conversions regularly and all departments of the church were in the finest condition they have been in in the present pastorate. At the January business meeting we voted to invite brother Ferrell to be with us in April, in another meeting. On January 21 the flood hit us and we were not able to hold services in our building from January 17 until March 7 and our organizations did not begin to reorganize until the last of March. The water reached a depth of more than nine feet in the basement of our church and the auditorium was damaged while used as a refugee camp. About ninety per cent of our members were driven from their homes by the raging waters and almost all of them lost all their furniture, etc. At the first service we held, March 7, I asked the question, "Shall we continue with the plans for our meeting?" The answer was unanimously, "Yes." So I wrote brother Ferrell that we would continue with our plans, as before the flood.

The meeting began on April 18. Our building was not yet reworked but we were using the auditorium. The attendance was fine in spite of the fact that many of our people were not yet back in their homes and those who were back were trying to rebuild their homes and were busy day and night. There were several remarkable conversions and ten additions during the meeting. There have been other additions since the meeting and I am sure there will be many more as a direct result of the meeting. The church was greatly revived. The people regained their courage and their desire to go forward for the Lord. Brother Ferrell preached the old time gospel in the power of the Spirit and was tireless in his efforts in soul winning. Many of our people have said since the meeting, "Brother Ferrell has made me want

to be a personal soul-winner," and already plans are being made to organize a soul-winners' band to pray and study concerning personal soul winning. Our church is in as fine spiritual condition as I have ever seen it and that is remarkable considering the conditions a few weeks ago.

Joe T. Odle, Pastor

UNVEILING A HUGUENOT MONUMENT
J. G. Chastain

The Huguenots were the French Protestants, more than half a million of whom suffered martyrdom during the great massacre in France in 1572. After the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, the fires of persecution raged more furiously. In order to save their lives, most of the Huguenots still living, abandoned all their earthly effects, their homes and their native land, and fled to the ends of the earth in search of a country where they might be allowed to worship God according to the dictates of conscience.

In the year 1699-1701 some 700 of these fleeing refugees came to America and established a colony on the James River eighteen miles above Richmond. They named their central village Manakintowne, after the manakin Indians, who had formerly occupied that district. In 1922, Mrs. Mary L. Norton of California, organized our National Huguenot Society, composed of the descendants of these French immigrants, which society now has a membership of 300, scattered over the United States, and among them are some of the highest class people to be found anywhere.

We have just held our annual convention, at the close of which, with appropriate ceremony, we unveiled a \$3,000 granite monument in honor of our Huguenot forefathers, and the cherished principles of political and religious liberty for which they stood, and for which so many of them sacrificed their lives. As they fled from their persecutors, they left behind them a trail of blood with blood stains in their tracks.

The day of our unveiling was ideal, as was also our program. The exercises took place out in the open, in the presence of a multitude estimated at 4,000,—a veritable sea of human heads covering nearly two acres. An immense rostrum was occupied by our national officers, those who took part in the program, and our honor guests.

Program

Dr. Eggleston, national vice-president, presided and presented our

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honor guests. Mrs. John F. McDougall of New York, our national president, pronounced the words of dedication of the Memorial Plinth, and called out the numbers of the program. The Richmond Light Infantry served a guard of honor. A number of short addresses were made.

President Roosevelt had accepted an invitation to make the principal address, but was unable to come, being represented by Senator Daniel of Virginia, who, after reading a letter from the President expressing regrets, added a few words. The governor of the state could not be present, but in his place the lieutenant-governor spoke and was followed by the superintendent of the Richmond schools. The last address was by Dr. Flournoy, a distinguished Huguenot from Geneva, Switzerland. He and his wife are now visiting America. A religious service was conducted by Bishop Thompson and a memorial prayer was offered by the national chaplain, a Mississippian.

Every number of the program was short, and the whole was presented in a little over an hour. The event was one of a life-time, and those who had the good fortune to witness it will remember it to their dying day.

FOREIGN NEWS

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tion to some of our Southern Baptist men. The girls here will have to work mighty hard to give a better evening than that was. Two women sat back and took notice. I stayed over and took part in the evening services. At the young people's service the band played "America" and several familiar songs for me.—Maude Cobb, Budapest, Hungary.

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GOING PLACES

New Albany

We found Dr. Kirkland in high gear (as usual) but happy at the progress recently made.

The Week of Prayer Home Mission offering was \$350. All bonds and interest have been paid to date and current expenses are kept paid up.

A V. B. S. is planned for June with 18 Union County churches sending workers to observe, and then put on a V. B. S. in their own church. Extension plus we call it.

Union County's subscribers are listed as follows: Blue Springs 6 and 13 R.F.D.; Wallerville 2; Myrtle 19 and 3 R.F.D.; New Albany 28 and 18 R.F.D.

Petal-Harvey

Petal-Harvey reversed the usual order which is to cut out or nearly so the Baptist Record when a building program is on or a debt is in the way.

But Petal-Harvey voted to build an educational building at an approximate cost of \$10,000 AND to put the Record into every home. AND both motions were made and carried on the same Sunday morning.

The previous Sunday saw ten additions.

The Sunday school is growing and the B. T. U. flourishes under the impetus of a recent training course.

Rev. A. C. Parker is the beloved pastor who so capably leads this fine flock.

Forrest County subscribers are on our list as follows: Brooklyn 4; McLaurin 1; Petal 12 (all families to get it beginning June 1); Hattiesburg, First, Fifth Avenue and Immanuel 106; Main Street 41.

Booneville

Another pastor who is living up in the third heaven these days is Dr. J. D. Thompson.

Causes: budget over-subscribed; 7 additions in three Sundays; several mission study classes; \$1,000 expected for Cooperative Program in 1937 compared to \$650 in 1936.

On every hand we heard good things about the efficient hard work done by Dr. Thompson. In fact he is well-nigh pastor of Prentiss County.

He liked the idea of having all his folk read the Record and expects to send in an all inclusive list soon.

Prentiss County subscriptions are now listed as follows: Thrasher 1; New Sight 1; Booneville 7 and 4 R.F.D.

Houston

Under the capable leadership of Dr. W. C. Stewart, the work at Houston keeps on growing. Dr. Stewart knows how to lead and does what he knows.

As assistant pastor and choir director the church has recently employed brother Earl Edwards. Those who know of his work, speak most highly of him.

Good crowds attend the preaching of Pastor Stewart.

Last Sunday saw 7 additions. The Sunday school continues to grow. Prayer meetings are well attended with 75 as a maximum number.

A simultaneous city-wide revival is planned with each pastor to do his own preaching.

One hundred tithers explain why the finances of this good church are in such fine shape.

The church sent the pastor and the W.M.U. sent his wife to the New Orleans Convention.

Dr. Stewart agrees that if the Record is good for some Baptists, it is good for all of them and he expects to lead his church to send the Record to all the families.

Chickasaw County subscribers are listed as follows: Woodland 2; Okolona 12; Houlika 2; Houston 7.

THANK YOU

Rev. E. C. Farr, Carrollton; Mrs. E. C. Pitts, Brookhaven; Rev. W. A. Roper, Meridian; Rev. W. L. Howse, Jackson; Rev. James B. Parker, Ripley; Rev. J. W. T. Siler, Merigold; Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Lucedale; Rev. J. E. McCraw, Decatur; Mrs. W. S. Higginbotham, Minter City; S. E. Buchanan, Drew; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Meridian; C. A. Hill, R.F.D., Vicksburg, Calvary Baptist Church; Rev. J. E. Barnes, Ocean Springs; Rev. E. H. Dearman, Columbia; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Mrs. W. C. Howard, Water Valley; Mrs. H. T. McLaurin, Newton; Dr. T. W. Young, Corinth; Mrs. L. R. Griffin, Meridian; Mrs. S. L. Walker, Silver Creek; Rev. Clarence Palmer, Rienzi; Rev. G. O. Parker, Magee; Rev. Floyd M. Britt, Silver Creek, for subscriptions sent to the Baptist Record.

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INTRODUCING DR. BOOKTER

This will introduce to the Mississippi brethren Rev. Frank T. Bookter, who has gone from the First Baptist Church, Poncatoula, La., to the pastorate of the Central Church, McComb City, Miss. Brother Bookter has been with the Poncatoula church for more than six years and has done a splendid work. The people of this good church, along with the brethren over the state, regret very much to lose him, but since he feels led to go we wish for him and his good church the happiest and best.

Brother Bookter was clerk of his association, secretary of the South Louisiana Ministers' Conference and a member of the Louisiana State Mission Board. He is in sympathy with all Southern Baptists and is trying to do and is forward to make every contribution possible to the success of the entire program.

Central Church has in him a pastor with a shepherd's heart and the brethren at large will find in him a true yoke-fellow.

Respectfully,

J. N. Miller

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In twenty years Negro Baptists in Michigan have grown from 5,000 to 125,000. This is due of course to the migration of the colored people.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY GRADUATES 91 MEN

Don Norman, S.B.C.T., Louisville

Ninety-one men, representing 27 states and three foreign countries, received diplomas at closing exercises of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's commencement program, Tuesday, May 4, in the Crescent Hill Baptist Church. Two of these degree graduates were also awarded full course certificates, as well three others not receiving degrees.

The number of graduates this year, according to President John R. Sampey, is the largest since 1927, when 101 degrees were given. Including nine graduated previously during the session, the group this year totals 100. Of this number, sixty-four have received Master in Theology degrees, a new record for the school's seventy-eight sessions.

The commencement program got under way with a devout, spiritual message, as Dr. Ryland Knight, pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, preached the baccalaureate sermon on "A Good Minister of Jesus Christ," Sunday night, May 2, in the Crescent Hill Baptist Church. The ministry, he said, is an exacting calling—"a work to which you can give the very best of whatever gifts or talents you have."

"Character," Dr. Knight declared, "is a broadcasting station without which your message will not go very far." He listed as qualifications for the ministry today: (1) preaching ability; (2) leadership, with relation to his members, other church in the community, the denomination, and as a good citizen in community life, (3) pastoral ability, "as a good under-shepherd," and (4) Manhood—"upright, down-right manhood."

Monday night in Norton Hall Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., brought an uplifting missionary address as he told the thrilling story of the Sunday School Board's relationship to the mission work of Southern Baptists.

The board, Dr. Holcomb declared, must of necessity be a missionary agency because of its message: "it teaches, and causes others to teach, the whole Bible, the Word of God." He pictured the challenge presented by 3,000,000 white Baptists enrolled in our Sunday schools, gathered for such study, and averred the Sunday school to be "the greatest power for missions in all the world from childhood up."

Dr. Holcomb went from this to a discussion of how the board has always been missionary in its ministries—"its affiliation with the things Baptists are doing." He told how the board is related to the orphanages, state mission work, home and foreign mission work, the seminaries, and the W.M.U. Training School.

Further, Dr. Holcomb said, the board is missionary in all its program and purpose. This is seen, not alone through the items already mentioned, but in a constant endeavor to increase its missionary efficiency.

Tuesday morning, in Norton Hall,

Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., delivered the alumni address, "The Responsibility as a sense of obligation," Dr. Knight declared that the loyal alumni, of any and every institution, must show their love "by the acid test of activity" on behalf of the alma mater. He pointed out special needs of the seminary—completion of the endowment of the John R. Sampey Chair of Old Testament Interpretation, increased general endowment, and a larger student aid fund.

Closing exercises Tuesday night at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church featured addresses by two members of the graduating Th.M. (Master in Theology) class. H. Cecil McConnell, Harriettsville, Ohio, spoke on "The Universal Task of the Individual Christian." Harold G. Sanders, Webb City, Mo., used for his subject, "The Ministry as a Personal Relationship."

After delivering diplomas to the ninety-one graduates, Dr. Sampey addressed them on "Vision." Going back to the prophet Isaiah, Dr. Sampey declared that the minister must have (1) a vision of the holy, righteous God, (2) a vision of the awfulness of personal sin, (3) a vision of the Saviour, Christ Jesus our Lord, (4) and a vision of service—"the fields are white already unto harvest."

"The old man is dreaming dreams now and has great satisfaction in them," Dr. Sampey said, referring to himself. "May God give you young men vision to see, and when you see, may you rise to service."

Eleven Mississippi men received degrees this year, as follows: Ph.D. (Doctor in Philosophy)—Dick Houston Hall, New Albany; Th.M. (Master in Theology)—Joseph Bruce Benson, McComb; Bennett Dolfis Hardin, Stewart; James Edwin Hewlett, Greenwood; Wyatt Ray Hunter, Mashulaville; John Allen Moore, Tupelo; James Wallace Parnell, Sardis; Luther Reed Polk, Mt. Olive; Jason Niles Puckett, Columbus; Benjamin Franklin Smith, Biloxi; Clifford James Smyly, Columbia.

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The next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention goes to Richmond, Va., for 1938.

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Holly Springs church has called Rev. D. L. Hill of Okolona. We do not know his decision.

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He: "Mabel says she thinks I'm a wit."

She: "Well, she's half right."—Boston Beanpot.

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Who's Who

Returning from a brief visit to Atlanta, to accept the resignation of J. H. Fuller.

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